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## LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Senate on the President's Message—The Tariff Agitated—The Tariff—Texas Railroad—Mr. Hamlin's Case.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Hiram Walter Davis' speech to-day was an eloquent vindication of the American Party, and from his stand-point an exceedingly fair and able review of the late contest. The responsibility for the sectional difficulties of the last three years he fastened upon the Democratic Party, for the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, although he condemned the Republican agitation as unusual, while he admitted the magnitude of the provocation.

The Tariff question is again thrown over temporarily, but it will come up soon. The projects and counter projects, and conflicting interests, are so varied and numerous, however, that it is exceedingly doubtful whether anything will be done.

The Pacific Railroad was not injured by yesterday's vote, for many of its best friends voted against taking it up, because the measure is not yet matured so that it ought to pass.

The Senate debate on HAMLIN's case is very interesting, and is likely to last all the week. If he should be seated, the Iowa Legislature, now in session, will reflect him immediately. S.

Appointment of a British Minister to this Country—The Atlantic Telegraph—Sale of Public Lands in Iowa, &c.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Administration has been officially advised that Mr. VERIZENE, brother of Lord CLARENDON and late Judge Advocate General, has been appointed British Minister to this country; and will shortly arrive here.

Official dispatches received at the Navy Department from Capt. HARTSTENE, speak in glowing language of his reception in England.

The President's Message, in reply to a resolution of the Senate relative to the Atlantic Submarine Telegraph, will contain no recommendations, but merely outline the correspondence which has taken place on the subject. It will probably be sent in to-morrow.

The remonstrance of the subpoenaed of New-York against the Senate bill making ROGERS' System of Marine Signals compulsory upon them, was presented in the House to-day by Mr. WAKEMAN, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The sales ordered by the President of the United States to commence on the 4th of May next, embrace office at Gaage—twenty-five townships in Winnebago, Howard, Mitchell, Worth, Hancock, and Wisconsin Counties; at Fort Dodge—nineteen townships in Hancock, Winnebago, Kossuth, and Bancroft Counties; at Sioux City—twenty-one township in Pole Alto, Clay, O'Brien, and Sioux Counties; covering in the aggregate, exclusive of lands reserved for schools, etc., 1,839,156 acres.

## XXXIVth Congress.....Second Session.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

SENIORITY OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

Mr. CASS called the Senate to order and announced that the first business in order was the election of a President pro tem.

Mr. HALE—What is the occasion?

Mr. CASS—because we haven't any. [Laughter.]

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the Senate proceeded to the election, when Mr. MASON was elected, receiving 39 votes, FOOTE 11, WELLER 1, blank 2.

THE ILLINOIS CONTESTED ELECTION.

Mr. HAMLIN moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Judiciary, relative to his claim to a seat from Iowa.

Mr. FRANK trusted that the subject would not now be considered. Many facts were involved in the decision of this case, and it was important that they should be thoroughly understood. The Senator from Georgia (Mr. TOOMBS) had intimated his intention to submit a minority report, and he should like to see the arguments on both sides before proceeding to discuss it.

Mr. BUTLER, after remarking that there was not a single contested fact in the whole case, said the only difference of opinion relative to the matter was based upon the application of the law to the facts admitted on all hands. So far as the views of the minority of the committee were concerned, he could express them as well verbally as in writing.

Mr. BAYARD preferred that the subject should be laid over till to-morrow, as having been absent from the city he had had no opportunity to examine into the question.

Mr. HAMLIN said it should be remembered that the question of the Senate of Iowa had been before the Senate nearly two years. All the members of the Committee on Judiciary had had ample time to investigate the subject if they had chosen to do so. Another reason why it was desirable to have this question settled as soon as possible, was that the Legislature of Iowa was now in session, having convened on the first Monday in December, and their term is limited by the Constitution to fifty days.

Mr. BUTLER was in favor of proceeding to a decision of the question forthwith. He stood in a position of utter indifference as regards the gentleman who was to be affected by the result, and approached the subject solely on its merits. The Government of Iowa consisted of a Legislature composed of a Senate and a House of Representatives. The Senators held their terms for longer periods than the members of the House, and are fewer in number, but are recognized by the Constitution as a separate and distinct part of the Legislature. The House being the more numerous body, in matters of election must have a preponderating influence, and hence the concurrent action of the Senate was required. He stated the reasons which influenced a majority of the Committee in coming to the conclusion that Mr. HAMLIN was not duly elected. These were, in brief, that the Senate as a body, did not attend that meeting in joint convention at which Mr. HAMLIN was elected, and their Yeas and Nays were not there as required by law; the Senate was not there, and there was no Senate in session at the time; a majority of Senators were present in their individual capacity, but the Senate as a body was not there; the President of the Senate was the regular presiding officer of the Convention, but they elected a President *pro tem.*—these irregularities vitiated the election.

Mr. TOOMBS contended that the Legislature of Iowa was composed of members of a Senate and House, and upon those individuals was devolved the constitutional duty of electing a Senator of the United States in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Iowa. The Joint Convention consisted of the members who composed the two Legislative bodies, and as soon as they met in Joint Convention the distinction heretofore existing between them as members of different branches, was obliterated. Their names were arranged in alphabetical order on one list, and hence the absence or refusal to participate in the proceedings on the part of any member, or of less than a majority of the whole number of members composing the Joint Convention, could not invalidate the doings of the Convention. He thought the fraudulent and and fractious conduct of those Senators in Iowa who sought to defeat the election and frustrate the will of the people of Iowa, ought to be condemned by this body, and by the entire American people.

Mr. BENJAMIN wished to know whether it was competent for one branch of a State Legislature to elect a Senator in Congress. The Constitution of the United States declares that Senators shall be elected by State Legislatures, and State Legislatures consist of two branches, from which it follows that the Constitution requires Senators to be elected by those two branches concurrently.

Mr. TOOMBS replied that such a Constitution would render invalid the election of a great many Senators, because many Senators had held their seats against the majority of one branch of their State Legislatures.

Mr. FESSENDEN signed in support of the constitutionality of Mr. HAMLIN's election, and concurred in the views expressed by Mr. TOOMBS.

Mr. GEYER, agreeing with the majority of the Judiciary Committee, believed the election unconstitutional.

Mr. BAYARD obtained the floor.

CONSTRUCTIONS IN NEW-YORK HARBOR.

Mr. FESS introduced a bill making an appropriation for the removal of Diamond Reef, Counties Reef, &c., in New-York Harbor. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

THE TARIFF.

Mr. BOYCE gave notice of an amendment he intends offering to the Tariff Bill. He proposes that from and after January, 1857, all goods, wares, merchandise and other products, subject under the existing tariff to pay a duty of twenty per cent., shall continue to be admitted at that rate, and that tea and coffee shall be included in the same schedule.

Mr. CRAWFORD introduced a bill the more effectually to prevent the introduction of spirituous liquors and wines into the Indian country.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The consideration of the President's Message was resumed.

Mr. STEPHENS said the debate on the subject was the most unusual one in our parliamentary history. To him it was invested with great interest, and to the country, he trusted, it would not be unpredictable. We are in the midst of a new epoch in the Republic, and it will be so considered hereafter. The late election brought into array parties with what he considered well defined and clearly ascertained principles, which were manfully and openly met on both sides. It was a fearful issue, but the dangers are past. The result of the election has quieted the public mind, and we may do well even now when the storm is over and the danger is past, to review them. He congratulated the country, the House, and even the Speaker, on the result of the election, which has made the people everywhere breathe freer, and stimulated the arts of peace. There were differences of opinion as to what was decided in the contest, and some thought nothing had been decided. But it had been decided that Congress shall impose no restrictions on the Territories so far as Slavery is concerned. This issue was boldly made on one side, and as fairly met on the other. Mr. STEPHENS took it for granted that the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska act were indorsed by the verdict of the people in the late Presidential election. It however contained no such idea as Squatter Sovereignty. There was no recognized independent Sovereignty in the people of the Territories. He rejoiced the more in the indorsement of that act, because the boast was made on this floor that the people of the North would never sustain it, and because so few members from the North advocated its principles. He rejoiced though there was but eighteen friends of the Kansas-Nebraska bill now in this House from the North. He believed that forty-nine had been returned from that section to the next Congress. The Kansas-Nebraska act merely carried out the Compromise measures of 1850, to which both Whigs and Democrats pledged themselves in their National Conventions. With regard to the Territories Congress has only the right to pass needful rules and regulations relative to lands, and under the clause of the Constitution which confers this power, they cannot exclude slaves or white men. The domain is left free for settlement by people from all the States, in equal enjoyment, until Congress in virtue of the Constitution shall admit them into the Union as a State with sovereign power and on an equal footing with the original States. According to the Compromise of 1850 the Missouri restriction was inoperative, hence the necessity of making that declaration.

Mr. CAMPBELL of Ohio inquired whether he understood Mr. STEPHENS to take the ground that the Kansas-Nebraska act removed the restriction against Slavery from Minnesota, and all other Territories.

Mr. STEPHENS repeated that the Missouri restriction was declared null and void wherever it had extended.

Mr. CAMPBELL wished to know whether Mr. STEPHENS understood the repealing clause as extending beyond the territorial limits of Kansas and Nebraska.

Mr. STEPHENS replied he understood by the declaration, that the Missouri restriction was inconsistent with the compromise measures of 1850, and therefore was pronounced null and void, to be construed not in one place more than another. In the course of his remarks he said, Mr. CAMPBELL two years ago had predicted there would not be another Kansas-Nebraska majority in this House. He had appealed to the people who had decided against him and his party. This reminded Mr. STEPHENS of the lawyer who wished to speak in Council after his case was decided. The Judge told him he could not do so, whereupon the lawyer said, "I was not arguing the question but only cursing the decision." So it was with the gentleman from Ohio. [Laughter.]

Mr. CAMPBELL replied in that trial of the case there was false testimony on this very principle. The witnesses on one side claimed that the Nebraska act meant one thing, and the witnesses on the other swore it meant something entirely different.

Mr. STEPHENS—I suppose the gentleman from Ohio was one of the witnesses, and some people of his district did not believe his testimony. [Laughter.] Mr. STEPHENS said he had never advocated the Kansas-Nebraska bill as a Southern, but as a National and Constitutional measure. Although he should like to see Kansas admitted into the Union as a Slave State, he thought there was no such probability. Not only the laws of climate and production, but those of population would prevent it, and so of the other Territories.

Mr. DAVIS, of Maryland, remarked that gentlemen had essentially differed on public questions, and the result was an accession of doubt upon doubt and confusion worse confounded, until he who should attempt to read the past from the debates, would find himself with authorities for any opinion, and testimony for any fact. As to who opened this debate there was scarcely a question. It was opened by the President in his annual Message. He did not design to follow this extraordinary document in either its reasonings or statements of facts, nor would he imitate the spirit of bitterness which runs through it. He quoted the remark from the message "as Senators represent the States of the Union, and members represent their sheral constituencies, the President represents the aggregate population of the United States." NAPOLEON BONAPARTE said to the Deputies of his Chamber, "You represent nought but your several communes, I represent the great nation." In Republican America we have the President proclaiming he represents the people of the Union; thus attempting to belittle the Senate and House of Representatives. It was much to be regretted that the President, smarting under the indignation of his Northern friends, who rolled up their condemnation against his policy, should have so far forgotten the proprieties of his station as to introduce a harshness of language heretofore unknown in any Executive document. Notwithstanding the President's ideas as to what the people decided in the Presidential election, he (DAVIS) said the late contest shows that a majority of the people have condemned the Democratic Party; that a majority are against the Kansas-Nebraska act, against FRANKLIN PIERCE and his Administration; and that a minority of the people desire to see Mr. BUCHANAN President. That minority prefers that the existing rule shall be continued four years longer, and that majority, beforehand, condemns his Administration. Further, that Mr. BUCHANAN has still to battle for his majority in this House, on which depends his power to carry out any principle settled, or which his Democratic friends suppose settled in the recent contest. In reply to Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DAVIS said the increase of Democratic members to the next Congress was the consequence of divisions in other parties. A death wound had been inflicted on the great and proud Democratic Party, which thought itself invincible, but now, wounded, can scotched, wriggles on to final dissolution. Mr. DAVIS next spoke of the different interpretations given to the Nebraska-Kansas act. On this subject the Northern and Southern wings of the Democracy are as widely apart as the Republican and Democratic Parties on some questions of Constitutional power. The compromise of 1820 was the foundation of the peace of 1850, but the Democracy turned it into an element of strife, and reopened an agitation it was intended to close. The Democratic Party was conglomerate, and great would be the contention on the distribution of the spoils. The Irish brigade stood firm, [laughter,] and but for them Pennsylvania would have faltered. Mr. BUCHANAN was supported by persons of all creeds and nations, and these would throng around him for their reward after he shall have darkened the doors of the White House. The Republicans have been taught a lesson by the late contest. The people have decided against the nomination of a sectional president, and that the position of the Republicans was unwise and dangerous to the stability of the Union. On the Democratic side at the South it was a question of independence, and whether a majority should be obtained in such a manner as to drive every Southern gentlemen from office under the Government, and leave the Federal laws to be executed by Northern officers. Both the Republican and Democratic parties stand condemned for having disturbers of the public peace of the United States, and have no ground to maintain, as the people have not sanctioned any of their positions. There was but one party, small in number, [laughter,] which could read them a lesson of patriotism, which would be well for them to consider. It was a tower of moral force and patriotic integrity, and could not be shaken. The American Party deserves gratitude for its noble examples in the past. It is settled that no law can now be passed to affect the condition of affairs in Kansas. Within two years she will be admitted into the Union as a State, with or without Slavery, as the inhabitants may determine, and when that question is struck from the Republican platform, what will remain of that party? For the next four years, then, it will be of the utmost moment that the principles of the American Party shall demand the serious attention of the country.

Mr. CADWALLADER briefly responded to Mr. DAVIS, who, he said, was the exponent of the party which had dwindled into utter insignificance. He would tell the gentleman (DAVIS) that in addition to the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska act being indorsed in the Presidential contest two others had been decided. There is a clause in the Constitution which, in the opinion of the Democratic Party, is not less sacred than the one which vindicates the slaveholding States. He referred to that which prescribes there shall be no religious test as a qualification for office. The so-called American Party, like the Abolition Party, had been engaged in a crusade against the Constitution, and had endeavored to sustain themselves by a course of reasoning precisely analogous. The people have condemned both. The Know-Nothing Party originated in Lord GEORGE GORDON's riot, when London was plundered and burned, as in Philadelphia, Louisville and New-Orleans. The Democratic Party had triumphed over the factions that afflicted at the North, and had destroyed the Know-Nothings of the South. Adjourned.

## NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Assembly was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning, by R. U. SHERMAN, Clerk.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. WYNCOOP, a list of the members was called, each one proceeding to the Clerk's desk, and there taking the oath of office administered by the Secretary of State.

The Clerk then declared the House duly convened, and the election of a Speaker was proceeded with, viva voce.

On the first ballot DAWITT C. LITTLEJOHN having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN, on taking the Chair, spoke as follows:

*Gentlemen of the Assembly:*

Accept my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by choosing me as your presiding officer. I need hardly assure you that the expression of your confidence is appreciated, and demands from me a faithful discharge of the duties of the Chair. Relying implicitly upon your cordial cooperation I shall, to the best of my ability, carefully preserve the *rights of each member by a just and prompt enforcement of the rules.* We must apply ourselves to the business which requires our attention with patient and untiring industry, hoping for the deserving approbation of an intelligent and generous constituency. In our deliberations affecting the varied interests of a great and prosperous State let us implore the guidance of Him who rules over all, and without whose blessing all human efforts are unavailing.

Messrs. FERDON and WALWORTH, a Committee from the Senate, appeared and informed the House of the organization of that body.

The following officers were then chosen:

*Clerk*—WM. Richardson, of Albany.

*Doorkeeper*—Henry Newhouse.

*Assistants*—Patrick Farrell and John Lewis.

Committees were then appointed to wait on the Senate and Governor, and inform them that the House had organized, and was ready to proceed with business.

On the return of the Committee, the annual Message of the Governor was presented, and after it had been read, the House adjourned until the afternoon.

[The Message of the Governor will be found in another part of this morning's TIMES.]

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Assembly met this afternoon for the purpose of drawing for seats. No other business was transacted.

The hours for the session were fixed from 11 A. M. till 1¾ P. M.

The following appointments have been made by the Clerk:

*Deputies*—A. N. COLE, of Allegany County; C. S. UNDERWOOD, of Cayuga, and C. G. FARMAN, of Chemung.

SENATE....ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Senate assembled at 12 o'clock, and was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor SELDEN, who made a brief address, in which he said he would rely on the courtesy of the Senate for assistance in the discharge of his duties.

The ordinary resolutions to appoint committees to wait on the Governor and Assembly, to inform them of the organization of the Senate, were then passed.

The committees consisted of Messrs. NIXON and BROCA, and Messrs. FERDINAND and WADSWORTH.

The Governor's Message was shortly afterwards received and read.

Mr. KELLY offered a resolution of thanks to Hon. H. J. RAYMOND for the able, courteous and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of the office while President of the Senate. Adopted.

Mr. WADSWORTH introduced a resolution regretting the death of Senator WHITE during the recess, and resolving that the Senate wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Mr. BROOKS pronounced an eloquent eulogy on Mr. WHITE, when the resolutions were adopted.

The hour of meeting was fixed for 11 A. M. Adjourned.

### Names of Members of the Legislature.

*From the Albany Evening Journal.*

For the benefit of our readers, we give a list of the cases where there are two or more Members of the same name, liable to be mistaken for each other.

The SMITHS, as usual, are strongest. There are three in the Senate, CYRUS P. SMITH, (Republican,) of Brooklyn, JUSTIN A. SMITH, of Whitehall, and ANDISON M. SMITH, of Morris, Otsego County. In the Assembly there are two more, WILLIAM M. SMITH, of Allegany, and SIDNEY SMITH, of Onondaga, both Republicans.

There are two SPENCERS—MARK SPENCER, a Democratic Senator from New-York, and GEO. T. SPENCER, a Republican Member from Corning.

ZENAS CLARK Republican Senator of Potsdam, is unwell at home. There is but one other of the name this year—LUCIAN CLARK, of Copenhagen, Lewis County, a Republican Assemblyman.

There are two BAKERS, both Republican Members of the Assembly. JEREMIAH S. BAKER, of Perrinton, Monroe County, and HEZEKIAH BAKER, of St. Johnsville.

There are also two OWENS, both Republican Members. JAMES J. OWEN, of Port Byron, and BENSON OWEN, of Seneca Falls.

ERASMUS D. BROOKS, who is a Republican Member from Parishville, St. Lawrence County, should not be mistaken for ERASTUS BROOKS, Senator.

Nor should GEORGE W. BRADFORD, Republican Senator from Homer, Cortland County, be held responsible for the acts of ROBERT B. BRADFORD, Democratic member from New-York.

There are two JOHNSONS, both Republican members of the Assembly—THOMAS JOHNSON, of Savannah, Wayne County, and RABNIA R. JOHNSON, of Colchester, Delaware County.

Also, two MOTTS, both in the Assembly. SAMUEL J. MOTT, of Saratoga, is a Republican; GEO. MOTT, of Bangor, Franklin Co., a Democrat.

INGHAM TOWNSEND is a Republican member from Sittsville, Oneida Co. FRANKLIN TOWNSEND is a Democratic member from Albany.

It is possible that JAMES R. DICKSON, Republican contestant from the Newburg District, may be mistaken for JOHN D. DIXON, Democrat from New-York; but the names are spelt differently.

So with Senator JOHN P. HALSTED, (Republican,) of Castile, Wyoming Co., and JOHN HOLSTEAD, Republican member of Assembly from Oneida Co.

Bearing these resemblances in mind, the reader will be in no danger of saddling responsibility or awarding praise to "the wrong man."

### From Albany.

THE NORTH AMERICAN TRUST CASE BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS—COMMITTAL OF ALLEN FOR MURDER, &C.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The great North American Trust case is now on argument in the Court of Appeals. A preliminary question was under discussion when the Court adjourned.

ALLEN, who has been under examination at Auburn for some days past, for the murder of Mr. BEADLE, was to-day committed for trial.

A boy was run over last night, near the engine-house of the Hudson River Railroad at Greenbush, by the Express train, and killed.

The night Express train of the Hudson River Road, due here from New-York at 10 o'clock last evening, arrived between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning. It was delayed by a freight car being off the track at Cox-sackie.

### Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Assembly met this morning and elected J. L. GEIS Speaker.

The Senate met this afternoon. DAVID TAGGART, Republican, was elected Speaker on the first ballot, by a vote of 18 to 15. Mr. HAMMERSLEY was reflected Clerk, unanimously.

A bill was introduced relative to contempt of Court for the purpose of effecting the release of Gen. SMALL, who has been confined since June last, for contempt of the Supreme Court.

### Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Massachusetts Legislature meets to-morrow. The Republican Senators, in caucus, this evening, nominated GEORGE W. UPHAM, of Salem, for President, and PETER L. COX, of Lynn, for clerk. The Republican members of the House, in caucus, nominated CHARLES A. PHELPS, of Boston, for Speaker, and WM. STONE, of Springfield, for Clerk.

### The General Assembly of Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The General Assembly of Rhode Island met today, and a quorum being present in both Houses, they proceeded to business.

### Col. Titus and his Recruits for Nicaragua.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Col. Titus and his Kansas company did not arrive at New-Orleans in time to proceed to Nicaragua in the steamship Texas.

The *Bulletin* has the following: "The *Texas* was detained until 4 o'clock, awaiting the arrival of the *John Simonds*, on board of which are about one hundred men from St. Louis. The *Simonds* not arriving, she sailed without them. This body of one hundred men embarked at St. Louis on the steamer *Morris Denning*, for this city. Arriving at Memphis, and finding the *John Simonds* on the eve of departing for New-Orleans, they transferred themselves to her, thinking thereby to reach the city earlier than they could by the *Denning*, which has proved a great disappointment to them, as the *Denning* arrived on Saturday night.

### Fires.

BURNING OF THE VERMONT CAPITOL BUILDING.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Tuesday, Jan. 6—8 P. M.

The Vermont Capitol building is now on fire, with no hope of saving the entire edifice from destruction. The capacious dome is enveloped in flames, and the fire is rapidly spreading to all parts of the building. The origin of the fire is laid to some defect in the heating apparatus.

FIRE AT TROY.

TROY, N. Y., Tuesday, Jan. 6.

A fire broke out at 12¼ o'clock last night, in the store No. 106 River-street, occupied by R. HATON, hatter. The fire thence extended to six adjoining stores south to the corner of Congress-street; also burning four stores in Congress-street, making ten stores. They were occupied as follows: R. Hatch, hatter; Mrs. Dickie, millinery; D. E. Barnes, grocer; Mrs. Whyland, millinery; Mr. Odlerman, clothing; J. S. Toby & Co., clothing; P. Boulgon, clothing; Mr. Dolon, clothing; L. Kirchrier, boots and shoes; J. Wyatt & Sons, mourning and fancy goods. The buildings were owned by George Vail, Esq. Loss not ascertained.

### From Boston.

A MURDERER SENTENCED—FIRE IN WASHINGTON-STREET.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Judge MERCIAL this forenoon pronounced sentence on WINSLOW EDDY, for the murder of his wife. EDDY is to be confined in the House of Correction for one year, and then to be hung on such day as the Governor may appoint.

The stores Nos. 78, 80 and 82 Washington-street were badly damaged by fire early this morning. The sufferers are JAMES FRENCH & Co., book publishers, the Messrs. SPINNEY, tailors, and HANNEN & Co., furnishing goods. They were mostly insured.

### Weather Reports.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The telegraph reports high winds and snow storms this forenoon at Halifax, Yarmouth, N. S., Sackville, Charlestown, St. John, and Shediac. At Calais there were indications of a snow storm. It is very cold at all these points.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The weather here is very stormy, and at 8 o'clock this evening the thermometer marked two degrees below zero.

### Rumored Loss of the Ship Prince de Joinville.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Norfolk papers report the rumored loss of the ship *Prince de Joinville*, of that port, with all on board.

### Death of Major Dutton.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Major DUTTON, U. S. A., died to-day of erysipelas at La Pierre House. He had charge of Fort Mifflin, on the Delaware River.

### The Marion at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The steamer *Marion*, from New-York, arrived here at daylight this morning.

## MARINE ITEMS.

ACCIDENT TO A STATEN ISLAND FERRY-BOAT.

The Staten Island Ferry-boat *Sylph*, while on her 3 o'clock trip from this City, and when off Governor's Island, broke her piston-rod and cylinder. She was towed to the dock, where her passengers were landed, and she was taken to the iron works for repairs.

A BOSTON VESSEL HEARD FROM WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.

Ship *Victoria*, Capt. CHAMPION, which arrived at New-York 2d inst., reports speaking Dec. 30, lat. 40.38, lon. 64.38, schooner *Georgeanna*, Capt. POLLEYS, from Smyrna Oct. 5, for Boston. She was short of provisions, and was supplied. The *Georgeanna* is a fine vessel of about 300 tons, owned by Messrs. TRULL BROS., of Boston, and has a cargo of figs. She is largely insured and was supposed to be lost. She passed Gibraltar in 19 days from Smyrna, and her lengthy passage across the Atlantic is probably owing to her fore-and-aft rig.

SUFFERING AT SEA.

Capt. WATTS, of the ship *Marquette*, arrived yesterday from Thomaston. Captain WATTS reports having on the 8th Dec., when in latitude 42° N. long. 69° 20' W., fell in with the schooner *Mary Ann*, Captain WILLIAMS, water-logged; took from her the captain and crew and brought them to this port. The Captain (WILLIAMS) and two of the crew are so badly frost-bitten that amputation of their limbs will be necessary. The schooner *Mary Ann* was from Bath, Maine, bound for Boston, with a cargo of lumber. On the 4th Dec., being one day out, encountered a heavy gale from the northwest; was blown off, commenced leaking badly, and in about three hours became water-logged. The captain and crew took refuge on the deck load, where from their exposure to the intense cold they suffered terribly for four days, when they were rescued as related above. They are at present on board the ship *Marquette*, in a state of great suffering, and their situation appeals strongly to the sympathies of the humane and charitable; such appeals are not usually allowed to go unheeded in this city, and we sincerely hope that this one will be responded to promptly and generously.—*New-Orleans Bulletin, Dec. 29.*

Capt. SEWATTON and crew, late of brig *L. Copeland*, of Boston, lost at sea on the passage from Boston to Bucksville, S. C., passed through the city on their way home to Hancock, Me. Captain S. reports that he sailed from Boston on Sunday, Dec. 21, and passed out South Channel on the 22d, with wind N. N. E. to N. N. W. On the night of the 23d, while scudding in a tremendous gale from N. N. W., in lat. 39° 22', lon. 71° 09', under a close-reefed foretopsail, was boarded by a heavy sea over the stern, which stove the wheel to pieces, carried away main-boom and mainsail, washed overboard the binnacle, compasses, &c., washed away the captain and one man who where at the wheel; the man was washed overboard, but regained the vessel again, the master caught the lee quarter rail. The brig broached to, and was partially thrown on her beam ends, blowing a new foretopsail (bent the day she left Boston) entirely to pieces. Finding it impossible to right the vessel and get her before the wind and sea, was obliged to cut away the foremast, which carried with it the maintopmast, jibboom and everything attached, when she righted. Being left without a yard of canvas, and no spars except mainmast and bowsprit, abandoned her 26th, and was taken off by schooner *Alba*, which took them to New-York. When left she was tight, and her hull but little injured. The *L. Copeland* was 164 tons, six years old, built in Brewer, Me., a good vessel, having just been put in thorough order, and valued at $8,000. There was no insurance on her.

Schooner *Samuel Rankin*, in collision at sea 25th ult., with ship *Annie Sim*, while attempting to receive assistance from the latter vessel, reported that the ship did not stop to ascertain the extent of damage done. A statement appears in the Boston *Advertiser* fully exonerating the Captain of the ship from charges of neglect, or any wrong conduct on the occasion referred to.

The Cunard Company have made an arrangement under which, for the first time, they will extend their operations to other waters than those of the Atlantic. They have formed a combination with the new Australian Steam Company, by which, with their vessels *Etna*, *Jura* and others, they will undertake the Mediterranean portion of that route, the portion between Suez and Melbourne being carried on by the original promoters.

Brig *Whitehall*, PETERSON, which has been dismasted and drifting at the mercy of the wind and sea since the 23d of December, and the captain, though often spoken and importuned to leave his vessel, refused to do so, was finally persuaded to abandon her and take refuge on board brig *Wingus*, which has arrived at Lewes, Del. Capt. PETERSON's narrative will be interesting.

During yesterday large quantities of ice had accumulated in the North River, somewhat obstructing navigation. The passage to and from Governor's Island by boats, was performed with great difficulty.

### The Young Men's Christian Association—The "Express" Question—A Spicy Time.

The Young Men's Christian Association had a very long and a remarkably animated special meeting last evening. The large chapel of the University was set apart for the occasion, and admission was obtained only through the presentation of a printed note, headed "Confidential," and ending "Please present this at the door." About 200 of the young gentlemen of the Association were present. Mr. SHEPHERD, Vice-President, was in the Chair, and the ball opened with an earnest remonstrance from Mr. EDGAR and some others, against the manner in which the meeting was called. It was held that the call should have been by advertisement, and not by private notes sent to individual members, with an air of secrecy. This matter having been duly talked over, without any particular result being obtained, the body proceeded to the consideration of the first important business that lay before it, viz.: the ways and means. The report from the Treasury exhibited a lean and barren receipt account, and an especially plump and lengthy expenditure. To sum up the agregate, the condition of affairs is this: the Association is $1,200 in debt, and $1,200 more are wanted immediately; while $2,000 must be raised between this time and the 1st of May, in order to meet liabilities. The year's expenses will reach $5,000, and the income from subscriptions is stated to be $1,000. The fitting up of the new rooms in Waverley-place cost $800; the Secretary and Librarian receive a salary of $1,600; and it cost a great deal of money to print the last Annual Report; and of $2,736 paid thus far on Association account, the Treasurer has advanced $400 from his own pocket. To meet present emergencies, and to reimburse the Treasurer, (Mr. RICHARD BROWN,) Mr. HOWARD CROSBY moved that the sum of $2000 be raised upon the spot, and headed the list with $10, which sum he afterwards proposed to double. The hat went around twice, and the sum of $280 was realized from the pockets of the persons present—each member subsequently taking a printed form with which to solicit further subscriptions from well-disposed citizens, in accordance with the suggestion of a resolution to that effect, which was adopted after a sharp struggle.

The Board of Managers suffered a very serious castigation at the hands of members. Charges of extravagant and reckless expenditure were freely made; but, as it was desired to be understood, wholly in a Christian spirit. The majority held, with Prof. CROSBY, that money should not be spent in advance, that the Association should live upon its income, avoid debt, keep up a good name, and be happy and always in good odor.

Then came the *Express* business. Mr. MATHEWS gave notice beforehand, that until this affair was disposed of, many citizens, who were watching with interest the progress of the discussion upon it, would refuse to lend the Association a hand. The argument prevailed, backed by curiosity to hear the proof of the "indecency" and "immorality" charged against the paper in question by Mr. GEORGE P. EDGAR and his associates on the Library Committee. Mr. EDGAR was awarded the floor, after a lively skirmish, and proceeded to show up the documents to the edification of his auditors, to whom the scene was evidently as good as a play. Beginning seriously, Mr. EDGAR stated that the Board of Managers had on the previous evening, (Monday) directed the Library Committee to restore the *Express* to the files of the Association, *but that the Committee had refused to acknowledge the authority of the Board*; falling back upon the By-Law in Article iv., of the Constitution, which empowers the Committee on Rooms and Library "to approve all publications previous to their admission." The Committee defy the Board, refuse to restore the *Express*, and throw themselves upon the Association, producing proof to substantiate their charges against our amiable contemporary. Mr. J. T. PHILLIPS, formerly a member of this body, it appears from Mr. EDGAR's documents, wrote to the *Express* to complain that he could not enjoy the pleasure of perusing that sheet at the Society rooms, and attacked Mr. EDGAR therefor. Mr. E. responded through the columns of the *Evening Post*, and gave his reasons for taking the course he did as Chairman of the Committee. Copies of these objectionable papers were produced and read. Mr. S. LARAB and Mr. E. ROBINSON, Jr., were named as the authorities for a literal translation of a German burlesque of a Fremont meeting, published in the *Express*. The references were chiefly to *sorry* wood-cuts, purporting to represent Free-Soil German political banners, upon which were inscribed such mottoes as these: "Free women, free pay, free Limburger cheese, FREMONT and lager-bier." [Mr. EDGAR—"Gentlemen! don't laugh; it's no laughing matter."] Another mentioned Mr. FILLMORE in the unhappy epithet of "a d——d humbug." A third had a reference to "Free speech—free women—and free soil." Another touched upon "Free soil and free girls." All this was printed in immense German type, sandwiched in among the English columns of the paper. Mr. EDGAR read the clergy were abused. Mr. EDGAR read the *Express'* report of Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER's sermon on the eve of the election, and was proceeding to show, from the analysis thereof published in the DAILY TIMES, that it was a garbled and totally perverted statement, when he was interrupted by a member behind (who gave his name) with the information *that there were just eighteen lies in that report.* Mr. EDGAR stopped reading immediately, and accepted the ascertained number as a substitute.

Mr. EDGAR then went on to defend the action of his Committee. Mr. CROSBY claimed both sides should be heard. Others called for the P. Q. and the question was finally ordered (at 11¼ o'clock P. M.) upon a resolution, offered as a substitute, which provided for the appointment of a Committee of Investigation; which resolution was adopted, and the Committee constituted as follows: It consists of three members; one appointed by the Chair; one to be appointed by the Association, and these two to choose a third; and the report to be made to the Association at the next regular meeting, or as soon after as may be. In this shape the matter rests. Meanwhile, the obnoxious newspaper remains in a state of banishment from the precincts of the Young Men's Christian Association, and there is more fun coming.

The resolutions offered at the last meeting by Mr. LARAB, were not reached, and will be the first business in order at the meeting on the fourth Monday of January.

### Arrival of Two Fugitive Slaves in Boston.

*From the Traveller, (Saturday.)*

We are informed that two fugitives, who had succeeded in making their escape from their masters in the South, have arrived in this city the present week. One of the slaves was from the State of Mississippi, and escaped in a vessel. He arrived here night before last, and states that yesterday he saw his master, accompanied by a well-known slave-catcher, in the streets of our city. Once before, the fugitive states, he made an attempt to escape, but was then captured and carried back, when his master told him if he ever was caught again in the act of running off, he should be shot. The other fugitive was from the State of Virginia, and made his escape by land. The Vigilance Committee of this city immediately took prompt and effectual measures to put them in a place of safety, and they are now beyond the reach of their pursuers.

PROBABLE MURDER BY A NEGRO.—The Fredericksburg (Va.) *Herald* says that a shocking attempt to murder his mistress was made by a negro boy in Caroline County, on last Friday night week. It appears that Mr. JOHN CLAYE, the boy's master, was in Fredericksburg at the time the attack was made on the life of his wife. Mr. C. resides in the neighborhood of Rappahannock Academy. It seems that on the night in question the negro boy, who is aged about 17, came home later than usual, when his mistress told him she could not remain up all night to give him his supper, whereupon he got angry and told the children to leave as he was going to kill their mother. The boy got an axe and dealt her four blows on the head, after which he left for Port Royal. Arriving there he said that two men had killed Mrs. C., but blood being found on his person, he was arrested, and we learn confessed the crime. There was much excitement on the subject, and a strong disposition shown to hang him up. At our last advices Mrs. C. was still alive, and communicated the facts in the case.

A PHILADELPHIA PRIZE FIGHT.—A prize fight, between DANIEL SMITH and ——KAYWOOD, took place near the Delaware line, below Chester, on Monday. The purse was $100. Two rounds were fought, and on the third KAYWOOD struck a foul blow, when SMITH was proclaimed the victor. A large crowd was present, and the whole affair is said to have been of a most disgraceful character. Last night, through the exertions of Lieutenant GILMORE, SMITH was arrested at Military Hall, Library street, and taken to the Central Police Station. At the time of the capture he was pretty much in liquor, and conducted himself in a swaggering manner. His hair had been previously cropped short, one of the brutal requirements of the ring. This afternoon a hearing was had before Alderman EARLY, when High Constable TURRIS stated that SMITH had acknowledged being one of the participants, which, however

# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

good investment. [illegible] and richer [illegible] of the Public Works, which the Legislature [illegible] of my predecessor.

The Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers in this State are in a sound and healthy condition, and in no case reported as an evidence of [illegible] of the Safety Fund Banking Law [illegible] the name of the State Bank of Sackett's Harbor with a capital of $50,000.

The stocks issued to him are now redeemed, as per [illegible] Banking Department from the proceeds of the [illegible] securities deposited in the office. The [illegible] of Bank Capital in this State during the past fiscal year has been over $12,000,000, all of which, it is believed, [illegible] and profitable employment. The [illegible] amount of capital now employed in the business of Banking [illegible] $90,000,000.

The General Appropriation and simply Bills having [illegible] fully failed at the last session of the Legislature, [illegible] the usual grants of money to Literary, Charitable and Agricultural Institutions and for the various Departments of the State Government, failed [illegible] Hence the necessity will be obvious to you of making early appropriations for these deficiencies, and of passing at the same time in the liberal spirit which has heretofore distinguished the Legislature of this State, for the future efficiency of these institutions and of the Public Service.

The Census taken under the authority of the State in 1855, presents results which every citizen of New-York may contemplate with equal pride and gratification.

The returns, as I learn, are all now in the hands of the Printers, and in a great state of forwardness. Meanwhile I am furnished by the Superintendent of the Census with some facts which you will, I am sure, receive, as I lay them before you, with great satisfaction.

The first is a summary of the population of the State at each census from 1790, with the increase between each period, and the annual per centage of the increase upon each preceding census:

| Years. | Population. | Increase. | Average per cent. for ann. |
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| 1790 | 340,120 | | |
| 1800 | 589,466 | 208,483 | 7.30 |
| 1810 | 959,398 | 373,935 | 6.35 |
| 1815 | 1,075,910 | 74,022 | 1.09 |
| 1820 | 1,372,814 | 296,902 | 5.42 |
| 1825 | 1,616,458 | 243,648 | 3.55 |
| 1830 | 1,918,181 | 296,573 | 2.87 |
| 1835 | 2,174,517 | 261,336 | 2.99 |
| 1840 | 2,428,921 | 254,404 | 2.94 |
| 1845 | 2,604,495 | 175,574 | 1.44 |
| 1850 | 3,097,394 | 492,899 | 3.79 |
| 1855 | 3,466,929 | 369,535 | 2.38 |

One of the most prominent indications of the Census is the tendency of our population to centralize in cities and large villages. Several agricultural counties have not increased in population for many years. The unlimited field of enterprise offered in manufactures, trade and commerce appears to have caused the growth of cities and towns along the lines and at the centres of our great routes of transportation and travel.

The nativity of our population is as follows:

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| State of New-York | 2,322,831 |
| Other parts of the United States | 806,133 |
| | 2,528,444 |
| Foreign countries | 930,859 |
| Unknown | 17,386 |
| Total | 3,466,929 |
| Number of Deaf and Dumb in the State | 1,423 |
| Number of Blind | 1,186 |
| Number of Insane | 2,743 |
| Number of Idiots | 1,767 |
| | 7,119 |
| Value of dwellings | $676,604,557 |
| Value of farms | 769,850,966 |
| Value of stock | 102,776,856 |
| Value of agricultural implements | 26,996,665 |
| Value of real estate invested in manufactures | 90,718,856 |
| Value of tools and machinery | 26,191,276 |
| Value of raw materials used in manufacture | 196,180,371 |
| Value of manufactured products | 321,361,711 |
| Total | $2,203,010,860 |
| Acres of improved land | 13,074,479 |
| Acres of unimproved land | 13,070,899 |
| Value of special manures used | 603,493 |
| *Churches.* | |
| Number of church edifices | 5,677 |
| Value of churches and lots | $27,709,329 |
| Value of other real estate | 3,710,616 |
| Number of seats in churches | 2,141,159 |
| Usual attendance | 1,194,211 |
| *Newspapers and Periodicals.* | |
| Total number of newspapers | 849 |
| Total number of other periodicals | 119 |
| Total number of dailies | 63 |
| Total number of tri-weeklies | 13 |
| Total number of semi-weeklies | 16 |
| Total number of weeklies | 411 |
| Total number of monthlies | 119 |
| Number stereotyped or printed | 849 |
| Number of copies printed per annum of those reported | 193,394,697 |
| Estimated copies of all classes per annum | 241,749,903 |

The Adjutant-General reports that there are eight Divisions of the Militia of this State, composed of twenty-eight Brigades and seventy Regiments. The number of enrolled Militia is 355,000, of whom 18,000 are uniformed, armed and equipped, constituting a most effective and powerful volunteer force.

It appears, by the Reports of School Officers for the year 1856, that there was expended

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| For Teachers' wages, during the year, the sum of | $2,308,025 35 |
| Of which is from the revenue of the School Fund and from the State Tax | 1,080,329 65 |
| From local Taxation in the Cities and School Districts | 779,872 70 |
| From tuition moneys received of guardians of children attending School | 427,439 00 |
| For the purchase of Books for District Schools and Apparatus for the Schools | $57,204 58 |
| Expended for building School-houses and for Out-houses and Fences | 279,949 13 |
| Expended for repairing School-houses and for Out-houses and Fences | 182,114 72 |
| Expended for Hire of School-houses | 7,239 17 |
| Expended for Insurance | 4,890 28 |
| Total | $531,503 88 |
| Raised by Tax in the Cities and Counties, for purchase of School-house Sites | $57,528 65 |
| Raised by City and District Tax for Fuel | 149,257 64 |
| Raised by City and District Tax for Books, Maps and Furniture | 22,663 61 |
| Raised by City and District Tax for other Incidental Expenses in New-York City | 325,865 75 |
| Raised by City and District Tax for the rent of the State | 76,753 66 |
| The aggregate Expenditures for all purposes connected with the Common Schools were | $2,531,042 57 |

*SCHOOL STATISTICS.*

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| Average number in the State, in which schools were kept, on an average, *eight months in the year* | 11,880 |
| Teachers employed—No. of Males 10,117 | |
| Teachers employed—No. of Females 14,019 | 24,136 |
| Number of Children in the State, between 4 and 21 years | 1,207,314 |
| Reported attendance in the Common Schools | 576,009 |
| Reported attendance in private unincorporated Schools | 45,998 |
| Reported attendance in Academies | 29,907 |
| Total | 651,913 |
| This would leave between the ages of 4 and 21 as not attending School | 555,401 |

When it is considered that few children go to school before 5, and that between 16 and 21 a large proportion cease to attend school and go to active work, this discrepancy between the whole number of children in the State and that of those who attend school, will seem to be more apparent than real, and it may be safely concluded that there are very few children in the State who do not spend a portion of their time in school.

The large number of Teachers above reported may seem to indicate that the whole number is needed and employed at the same time. Unfortunately the fact is not so, but rather the reverse, for the number is thus swelled by the frequency of change—one of the gravest evils in a school system, occasioned by the [illegible] compensation to School Teachers. Hence, though teaching is resorted to by many as a temporary resource, it is relinquished whenever better prospects of support present themselves, and the necessity of [illegible] thus produced of new appointments. The number given above truly represents that of the persons who have been employed for a portion of the past year as Teachers. The actual number at any one time may be stated at about 13,000.

*This single fact, if duly weighed, should impress* upon the Legislature the expediency of securing to the position of teachers more permanency, by providing more adequate compensation.

[illegible] the Legislature of 1854, in lieu of the fixed annual sum of $800,000 which, by the law of 1851, was appropriated to the Common School Fund, imposed a tax of three-fourths of a mill upon each dollar of taxable valuation. The valuation of the State having increased, the proceeds of this tax, for this year will be proportionately larger, although sufficient returns have not been received to determine the amount precisely. It is estimated that the increase of the Common School Fund, the contribution of $165,000 from the revenue of the U. S. Deposit Fund, and the avails of the State tax, will amount to nearly $1,400,000. Such liberal pecuniary contribution to the expense of public education, should secure to educators adequate remuneration, and this is only to be accomplished by a wise administration of the School Revenues, so that they shall be productive of the desired results. The same Legislature which inaugurated the policy of raising the tax from year to year in proportion to our increasing means, sought also to organize a more efficient system for the inspection of schools and teachers. It provides for the election of School Commissioners in the several Assembly Districts, and has thus furnished a body of officers respectable from the extent of their several jurisdictions, and with salaries which, though a scanty compensation for the faithful and intelligent discharge of the duties imposed upon them, are yet sufficient to enable men in the work to devote their time and energies to the performance. I am informed that the Commissioners have, for the most part, competent and zealous, [illegible] that the labors of such are successful in awakening an increased interest in the Common Schools among the people, and in elevating the standard of qualification among the teachers.

The system of town supervision for which this was substituted was expensive to the towns and unfruitful in results. The inspection of teachers in too many instances was merely nominal, and the financial reports unsatisfactory.

The [illegible] Normal School, [illegible] teachers, whose numbers, however, are small, compared with the districts to be supplied.

The whole number of pupils during the past year, which embraces the third and fourth terms, has been 345. Seventy-three of these, 39 males and 34 females, have completed the course prescribed, and have received the diploma of the institution, and are now, with few exceptions, engaged in teaching within the limits of the State. The whole number of those who have enjoyed the advantage of the School for a longer or shorter period to September, 1856, is 2,657. All the counties have, with the exception of three, viz., Allegany, Essex and Hamilton, been represented in the School during the past year. Thirty-four counties were represented by the graduating class.

In view of the acknowledged deficiency in the supply of competent teachers and of the annually increasing revenue of the Common School Fund, it will be for you to decide what additional aid shall be given to this branch of the public instruction, whether by multiplying Normal Schools or by such other expedients as may be devised for effecting so great a good.

I should do injustice to my estimate of the value of agricultural education, and of the College for that purpose endowed under the laws of this State, as well as to my own connection with that institution, if I failed at the earliest moment to invite your attention to its present condition. The first successful movement in this behalf was by the late JOHN DELAFIELD, of Seneca County, through whose enlightened zeal and perseverance, an act of incorporation was obtained from the Legislature in April, 1853. Encouraged by this success, Mr. DELAFIELD was earnest in securing friends and contributions to the enterprise, until suddenly arrested by the hand of death; not, however, before the Trustees of the College had manifested their estimate of his services, character and ability by choosing him President of the College. The loan to this College of $40,000, authorized by the last Legislature on condition that a like sum be obtained from other sources, enabled the Trustees to secure that private aid, and to proceed at once to the organization of the College. They have purchased a farm of 610 acres in Seneca County on a part of which, extending from Seneca Lake to the village of Ovid, they design to erect the necessary buildings. They have elected SAMUEL CHEEVER, of Saratoga County, President of the College; are taking measures to provide competent instructors; and hope to have the institution sufficiently advanced to receive students before the close of the present year. Among many grants for Education most worthily and liberally bestowed by the Legislature on different institutions of this State, this loan is the first specific aid towards the instruction of youth in the science and practice of Agriculture, the greatest interest in this great State. I am quite confident, as it was liberally bestowed, so it will be wisely used; and I will not doubt that the plant thus set out, and already springing into hopeful promise, will receive, as it may need, all seasonable nurture at the hands of future Legislatures.

In the month of August last the Dudley Observatory of the City of Albany was inaugurated in the presence of a large concourse of the scientific men of the country, with the most auspicious promise of usefulness and honor; and we shall henceforth possess an Astronomical Observatory which, for the completeness of equipment and the number, delicacy and power of its instruments, will equal if not surpass any similar institution in the old world.

While it is gratifying to see the munificence of individuals flowing in so noble a channel, the State itself cannot be indifferent to the progress of true science, inseparably connected as all its achievements are with the material prosperity of the country.

You will receive, as usual, reports from the various Public Institutions of the State for the suppression, the restraint and punishment of crime, and from the Eleemosynary Institutions for the relief and care of the deaf and dumb, the blind, the imbecile, and the insane, and from the Dispensaries in the City of New-York which so faithfully provide medical aid for the sick and poor.

It is the province of the Legislature to look into the workings of all these, and to afford to them all proper and reasonable assistance, for they are specially the creatures and the concern of Christian civilization.

Reports of the State Prisons and of their management, results and pecuniary condition will be made to you as usual by the Comptroller of the State and by the Inspectors of the respective prisons—and to these reports I must refer you. Respecting the Houses of Refuge at Rochester and at Randall's Island, I am enabled by information communicated to me by the Managers to speak with some knowledge, and with great satisfaction as to the results there attained.

It is no longer a doubtful experiment, but a well ascertained result of the working of these two establishments—that youthful delinquents arrested at the outset of evil courses and subjected to the mild yet vigilant discipline and discriminating control of these institutions—may be rescued in large proportion from vice, and trained to be useful citizens.

In the Western House of Refuge, since its opening in 1849, there have been received altogether 789. The belief is expressed to me by the managers that "the benign objects of the Legislature in establishing this institution have been, and are being attained and realized in an eminent degree."

The older House of Refuge at Randall's Island, opened in 1825, has received, up to the close of last year, 6,880 children. The managers, in a recent communication to me, say: "We have every reason to think that the results of our reformatory system have been as satisfactory as at any former period of its history. Of the whole number received up to this time, we judge that 70 per cent, or nearly *three-fourths are saved.*" With such hopeful and unexpectedly encouraging results, I may not withhold my earnest recommendation that such truly benevolent and beneficient institutions should not be left straitened in their means of doing good.

The State Lunatic Asylum at Utica, and the Asylum in New-York, under the charge of the Governors of the New-York Hospital, as well as that Hospital itself, the institutions for the Deaf and Dumb and for the Blind in New-York, the Asylum for Idiots or Imbeciles, in like manner demand your care and your bounty, if that can indeed be called bounty which is simply the fulfillment of a clear duty of humanity and true citizenship, not less than of considerate economy.

All these institutions are managed, and so far as I have the means of knowing, well and efficiently and conscientiously managed, by disinterested and self-sacrificing individuals, who receive no pecuniary compensation, whatever, for their services, but are actuated solely by the higher motive of caring for their afflicted and helpless neighbors.

*When, then, institutions, thus benevolent and thus* managed, appeal to the Legislature for aid commensurate with the wider field which each succeeding year opens in their operations, they may justly claim to be listened to, with the presumption in their favor, that *investigation*—without which no *Legislative aid* should ever be granted—will, in their cases, make *good the reasonableness of such appeal.*

The Committee of the Senate appointed to visit, during the recess of the Legislature, the several charitable institutions receiving aid from the State, also the Jails and Poor-houses in every county, having discharged their duty, will, I am informed, lay the result of their labors before the Legislature at an early day.

The Excise Laws, which are coeval with our existence as a State, and the proper regulation and enforcement of which have ever been deemed essential alike to the morals and well-being of the people, would seem to require thorough revision. The Judicial decision against the Act of 1854, for the Suppression of Intemperance, Pauperism, and Crime, as unconstitutional, has left the sale of intoxicating liquors free from the wholesome restraints of law. However opinions may differ as to the right or expediency of attempting, by compulsory legislation, to prohibit entirely the sale, as a beverage, of such liquors, none will doubt that it is both a clear right and an absolute duty so to regulate their sale, as to diminish, as far as practicable, the risk of their abuse, if we may not entirely prohibit their use. For, of the frightful evils of drunkenness, no exaggeration is possible, and no remedy that law will permit, and opinion will sustain, to check or eradicate so fell an evil, should be left untried.

The Superintendent of the Onondaga Salt Springs reports the quantity of salt inspected, during the year 1856, to be 5,365,846 bushels. The revenues have been $69,926 85.

The inspection for 1856 is about 317,000 bushels less than for the year 1855, but exceeds that of any previous year.

The year 1856 cannot be said to have been one of *prosperity* with the manufacturers. The market opened in the beginning of Summer unfavorably, and scarcely recovered thereafter during the whole season. *The present temporary cannot be permanent, as the increasing wants of the Western States must continue to be supplied mainly from this source.* New-York salt has literally penetrated to the Mississippi River, and will undoubtedly be furnished hereafter to all parts of the Northwest about the Missouri line. The reputation of our staple appears to be well established in all the markets to which it has access, and wherever it can be had for the same price, it receives the preference over like products from any other quarter.

The public works are generally in good order, but need some extensions. The erection of private works, especially for the manufacture of solar salt, has been much stimulated for a year or two. Notwithstanding the recurrence of a dull season, there is every reason to believe that the manufactories at the State Salines in and about the city of Syracuse are destined to a continual progression, and that they will prove an inexhaustible source of profit to the State, and of cheap and convenient supply in one of the primary necessaries of life to the most populous and thriving portion of our country.

The Commissioners on Harbor Encroachments in the Port of New-York, appointed under the Act of 30th March, 1856, have been diligently engaged in the discharge of their duties. Minute surveys have been made of the Harbor from Sandy Hook to New-York—of the East River to Throg's Neck—of the Hudson to one mile north of Spuyten Duyvil's Creek, and of that Creek and Harlem River. The whole of the water area has been carefully sounded, and the directions and velocities of currents have been ascertained. Exterior limits for the construction of piers have been described for the portion of the Harbor within this State, and suitable lines for the shores of New-

[illegible] Commissioners from [illegible] of the United States Navy, [illegible] Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and Commander O. H. DAVIS, of the United States Navy.

A description of these lines will be transmitted by the Commissioners to the Governor of New-Jersey for the consideration of the Legislature of that State.

The Commissioners acknowledge gratefully the constant and fully efficient aid they have received in preparing the lines and charts to be submitted with the Report of the Commissioners to the Legislature as early as possible.

From the magnitude of the work it has been found impossible to complete it within the period prescribed by the Legislature at its last session. I recommend such extension of the time as may be needed for the thorough execution of this very important undertaking.

The Commissioners charged with the duty of providing for sick and destitute emigrants, appointed under the Act of 1855, continue to devote their time and services, without compensation, to this benevolent object. With the per capita tax of two dollars on each passenger, the Commissioners have purchased eighteen acres in the East River, upon which large and commodious Hospital, School and Lodge Buildings have been erected, where thousands of sick and destitute strangers receive support and instruction.

The Marine Hospital, or Quarantine, devoted to the reception of patients with infectious or contagious diseases, is also supported by this Fund, and managed by the Commissioners, and the experience of this year has added emphatic testimony to that of the past, as to the wisdom and efficiency of a Quarantine System, firmly and judiciously administered, for protecting the public health against the inroads of pestilence.

In the discharge of its duties the Commission has received and expended, in nine years, from the Emigrant Passenger Fund, three millions six hundred thousand dollars. Under this system, as will be seen, Emigrants furnish support for their own poor, thus relieving the State from a burden it had hitherto been compelled to bear.

The number of alien emigrants paying commutation, landed at the port of New-York from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1856, is 142,326, being the excess of 6,109 over that of last year, yet still less than half of the average of the preceding six years. The proportion of these requiring aid, either from disease or destitution, during the last two years, is still smaller. This is attributed, in part, to legislation, on both sides of the Atlantic, looking to the accommodation and health of passengers on shipboard; and in part to the better condition and character of the emigrants. Nothing, however, has contributed so essentially to the protection of emigrants, or so largely aided the Commissioners in the discharge of their duties, and in diminishing their expenses, as the designation of Castle Garden as the exclusive landing place for emigrants. Its benefits are experienced daily in the comfortable temporary shelter that it affords; in the information there imparted; and the protection given to strangers heretofore exposed to the extortions and impositions of those by whom they were systematically defrauded.

The cities and counties, other than New-York, incurring expenses for the support of indigent emigrants, were regularly reimbursed from the Emigrant Fund up to the commencement of the year 1855, after which time, in consequence of the sudden falling off of emigration, and the consequent diminution of a fund which the support of numerous sick and destitute arriving in former years, soon exhausted, the Commissioners were compelled to defer payments due to the counties. To enable them to meet these demands, the Commissioners will apply for aid to the Legislature; and regarding, as I do, the Board of Emigrant Commissioners, like that of the Ten Governors, which dispenses, with intelligence and integrity, the charities of the City, as eminently beneficent, I commend the whole matter to your favorable consideration.

While other portions of our State have shared in the increase of population and the progress of improvement, now so abundantly rewarding the enterprise and industry of our people, a vast region, valuable alike in forest and mineral wealth, interspersed with navigable lakes, remains an almost unbroken wilderness. An apprehension, long but erroneously entertained, that the rigorous climate of that section of the State rendered its soil comparatively valueless, has been relieved by satisfactory agricultural results. It has been ascertained that the products of other northern latitudes grow and ripen in the section referred to. For grazing purposes, much of the land upon what is historically known as "John Brown's Tract," is equal in value to the farming lands by which that tract is surrounded. This hitherto impenetrable region, therefore, when opened to settlement by needed facilities, will furnish timber and iron in exhaustless quantities, maintain a numerous and hardy population, and add hundreds of thousands of productive acres to the assessment roll of the State.

If those who cause two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before, are recognized as public benefactors, the importance of reclaiming and peopling hundreds of square miles of wilderness lands situated in the heart of our State, will not, I feel assured, escape the attention of the Legislature.

In this rapid, yet unavoidably lengthened sketch of the condition of our State, its population, agricultural resources, wealth, and educational and religious institutions—in its magnificent charities, its far-reaching yet well connected artificial system of inter-communication—its orderly and economical government and contented and prosperous people—a state of society is exhibited which, in attracting the attention of others, may well receive, as it best rewards the dutiful attachment and fidelity of our own citizens, for there we see what Freedom has done—Freedom of labor, of enterprise, of speech, of thought, of worship.

It belongs to us all, upon whom the Constitution devolves the authority of government for the time being, to take care that in our keeping the interests and honor of the State suffer no wrong; so that when we in turn shall yield our places to those who are to succeed us, we shall be able to hand over the great trust unimpaired and unsullied.

Having thus communicated to you the general condition of the State, I beg leave to submit for your consideration some subjects primarily connected with the City of New-York, which have forced themselves upon my attention, and to which I may not unfitly direct yours, as all of them have a bearing beyond that immediate community. And first as to the abuse of the Elective Franchise—a topic of universal concern in a representative Republic, where place and power are given and taken away solely by the popular vote—all will agree in theory, that in order to insure respect for its results this vote should be free and *should be pure. All know that in the City of New-York,* and measurably in other large cities, it is not pure, and often is not free. It concerns all citizens alike, of whatever party, of whatever country, of whatever tongue, themselves entitled to vote, that this great, this most populous city, a man in a social state can enjoy or exercise, shall not be rendered worthless in their hands, through the unlawful exer*cise of it by others. No one will dispute these premises,* but when it comes to the application of the *remedy there is at once a difference of opinion,* even among those honestly seeking one. I will not permit myself to doubt that the wisdom of the Legislature *is competent to devise a corrective, that will be at* once effectual and constitutional. And I accordingly *commend this subject to early and earnest consideration.*

The municipal affairs of the city will also undoubtedly require and receive a large share of your time and attention. The interests of the citizens of the chief City of our State and of the Union—a metropolis embracing one-fifth of the inhabitants of the whole State—are so vast and so varied, and its good government is so necessary to the comfort and convenience, not only of those who dwell within its limits, but of all the citizens of the State who are attracted to it by social ties, or by the demands of business or trade, that no apology can be necessary for inviting your early attention to this important subject. That the administration of the municipal government of the City of New-York has failed, under the present charter of that City, to attain *the ends for which all governments are instituted*—an honest enforcement of good laws in such manner as to secure social order with the least hardship and burden, pecuniary or otherwise to the individual citizen, is universally conceded. While admitting that the evils which exist may be the result, possibly, in a large degree, of the selection for the discharge of important public trusts, of unfit persons, it is quite as certain that there are *radical* defects in the existing charter of the City, which demand correction. It is not my purpose or province to point out in detail these defects, because they will be more properly and effectually brought to your notice by memorials from the citizens of New-York and by the chosen representatives. I deem it my duty, however, to say that the reorganization of the Police system of that City seems absolutely necessary. At present the Recorder and City Judge are two of the *members of the Board of the Police Commissioners,* the Mayor being the third. Experience has shown in this instance, as in all others, where the attempt has been made, that it is unwise to throw upon judicial officers the discharge of such functions. Their time *is withdrawn from their proper duties, while their* authority as magistrates is weakened, if not destroyed, by such incongruous occupations. If, as should be the case with all judicial officers, they devote themselves exclusively to their judicial duties and thus fail to discharge their duties as Police Commissioners, the whole management of the Police System, with its vast power and patronage, is thrown into the hands of the Mayor alone. If, neglecting the Bench, they act as Police Commissioners, they can scarcely fail to become the objects or subjects of political or personal controversy and ill will. A new Police System for the City of New-York is therefore required. Experience renders it quite certain that the Legislature will hesitate to intrust the management of that system to the Mayor alone. But whether the power should be lodged in a Board elected and constituted upon like same principles which have proved so eminently beneficial in regard to the Governors of the Almshouse of the City of New-York—securing integrity, economy and efficiency, with a freedom from all disturbing political or party elements—or whether the Board should be appointed by the Governor, with or without the advice and consent of the Senate, are matters which I submit to the superior wisdom of the Legislature. Nor do I venture to make any suggestions as to the proper mode of appointment and tenure of office of the heads of Departments and other municipal officers, or even of the members of the Common Council themselves. I conceive that I discharge my duty in calling your attention to the subject, and in assuring you of my concurrence in all just and proper measures which shall secure your approval for the purpose of rescuing the citizens of our commercial capital from the evils under which they are suffering so severely.

Yet another subject of [illegible] and indeed to the State, [illegible] notice, as doubtless it will [illegible] of the removing of the Quarantine establishment from its present site on Staten Island to a place more distant from the City. In the absence of any personal knowledge or official information respecting the which might enable me to speak with confidence, I must content myself with commending to your care this with other city matters.

I believe yet another duty—to perform—a duty, the obligations of which I am not at liberty to neglect, even if I were so disposed; and the performance of which, it is to me, imperatively imperative by the respect which is due to the sentiments and votes in the recent Presidential election of a great majority of the people of this State and of the other Free States.

I do this in no partisan spirit, but under the conviction that the great principle at issue in the election, and which is so triumphantly indicated, lies at the root of our free institutions; and is alike the concern, and should be equally the care, of all citizens who rightly estimate those institutions. No mere party question could call forth so deep an interest, and so significant and decisive a vote throughout the length and breadth of the State; and I venture to believe I do not mistake its import, nor your convictions respecting it, when I assume, as its deliberate and irreversible decree, that so far as the State of New-York is concerned, there shall be henceforth no extension of Slavery in the Territories of the United States.

This conclusion I meet unreservedly adopt, and am prepared to abide by it, at all times, under all circumstances, and in every emergency.

I am the more emphatic on the point, because it has been thought by the present incumbent not incompatible with the dignity and decorum of the Presidential Chair to stigmatize the conduct, in the recent election, of a large majority of the people of this State, as well as of other Free States, by unwarrantably imputing to them motives which they do not entertain, and aims directly contrary to those, they both avow and strive to promote. Those imputations were known to be wholly groundless; yet they have been put forth with all the authority which high station and deliberate and artful preparation can confer; and in the discussion in the Senate of the United States of the President's Message, they seem to be recited and put forward as one, by persons whose position Senators give weight to the argument which. Hence it will not be out of place here to state the views which we of the Free States do entertain in reference to the great issue that has called down upon us such extraordinary denunciations. We hold, then, first, to all the obligations, compromises and guarantees of the Constitution, as explained and understood by its founders, and, until comparatively recent days, acquiesced in by the whole country; and especially, we hold, as to Slavery, that in the States where it exists, it exists by virtue of the local law alone. But that it neither exists, nor is confined there, nor anywhere, by the force and effect of the Constitution of the United States. Secondly, that under the Constitution of the United States, Congress has the power to exclude Slavery from the Territories, and we insist that it should exercise its power, whenever necessary, to effect that purpose. Thirdly, that under the Constitution Congress has the power to admit new States into the Union when, and as it may judge proper and expedient, having reference, among other considerations, to their social conditions. Fourthly, that the constitutional restriction, upon 1808, of the power of Congress to prohibit the Slave-trade, and the prohibition afterwards of that trade, by act of Congress, constitute one of the Compromises of the Constitution, which should be firmly insisted on and forever maintained inviolate. But we do not claim, on the contrary, we disclaim, any right or power, or desire or purpose, to interfere with the domestic institutions of any State, or with the laws of the respective States, within the jurisdiction thereof. The agitation of the subject of Slavery is not attributable to us, but was forced upon the country by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and by the new and unsound construction attempted to be given to the Constitution of the United States, by which that instrument is made to carry Slavery wherever it goes. When, therefore, we resist this aggressive spirit, and the extension of Slavery to which it tends, we are acting within the Constitution, in defence alike of its spirit and its letter, and in opposition to the fanaticism of Slavery.

These are the fundamental principles which we have maintained and shall continue to maintain. It falls not within our province to legislate upon the subject of Slavery in other States. Happily at an early day this State purged itself from that great evil, and its record since has been consistent and unvarying in behalf of Liberty. When the agitation respecting the admission of Missouri was at its height, this State, so far as its Senators and Representatives in Congress would obey the voice of the Legislature, forbade by an almost unanimous vote the admission of Missouri as a Slave State. That vote stands unrepealed to this day, and its generous spirit spoke again, yet more impressively, at the late election, when it said that Kansas, too, must be free. The Missouri Compromise was resisted by this State as an unwarrantable aggression upon the rights, and a deep wrong to Freedom; and when the struggle to the Constitution and the principles for which it was made, never faltered, when the Supreme Court of the United States decided to sanction the usurpation, and to admit Missouri as a Slave State, we still maintained that henceforth Slavery should not be carried North of the line of 36° 30'. New-York acquiesced without approving, and never sought to disturb that settlement. When, however, Slavery having received its full equivalent, it was proposed to withhold or to withdraw the equivalent to Freedom in the restriction of Slavery *within the specified* limits, and so to open all the Territories of the United *States* to that blight, New-York insisted on what virtually was a contract; and though unfavorable to it when made, was nevertheless intent that Freedom should not lose its share of the bargain.

Hence New-York opposed, of right and in perfect consistency, the repeal of the Compromise adopted against her will. In vain, that act which has stood on the statute-book for more than thirty-four years, with all the sacredness of an implied contract, was repealed, and the President of the United States in his recent Message characterizes it as "an objectionable enactment, unconstitutional" in "its effects, and injurious in terms to a large portion of the States." Objectionable to this State that enactment undoubtedly was at the time, but for precisely opposite reasons to those implied in the *President's censure,* because it *restricted* Freedom and *extended* Slavery. The Compromise was forced by the South upon the Free States, but New-York was as thoroughly opposed to it *then,* as the South, speaking through the President, can be *now,* when they have received all its benefits, and the turn of Freedom is coming. But neither New-York nor the Free States ever deemed that enactment unconstitutional, but submitted reluctantly, yet unreservedly, to it; for the love of Freedom and respect for law have ever been inseparable here. At this late day, a President of the United States pronounces the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional, although it has *every* sanction of precedent, contemporaneous exposition, unbroken usage, and, up to a recent day, universal assent.

*It was the unjustifiable repeal of the Compromise* that, at the recent election, roused so deep an excite*ment, which was aggravated by the fearful scenes of* violence and wrong in Kansas. These evils sprang from the same bitter root—the effort to extend Slavery—and were brought about by the faithless renunciation on the part of Congress, of the absolute and ex*clusive right conferred upon it by the Constitution,* of "making all needful rules and regulations respecting the Territory and other property belonging to the United States." It is not competent for any branch of this Government, nor all its branches combined, short of an amendment of the Constitution in the prescribed form, to transfer to others a power confided by that Constitution to Congress; and when the phantom of Squatter Sovereignty was set up as an excuse for this abandonment of duty, not only was there treachery to the Constitution, but a mockery of substantial popular Sovereignty. Since, in *theory,* it professed to leave to the inhabitants of the Territory the right to govern themselves, while, in *fact,* the Federal Executive appointed all the chief officers—Governor, Judges, and Marshals; and again, the pretext was to transfer to the first few accidental settlers the right to determine, finally it might be, the condition of a Territory capable of sustaining millions, while in *fact,* as irrefutably established by the Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to investigate the troubles in Kansas, the bona *fide* settlers were ousted of the right thus pretended to be conferred upon them. Bodies of armed men from other States took possession of the polls, drove from them the actual residents who would not cooperate in their avowed *purpose of imposing Slavery* upon Kansas, and chose members of the Legislature infamous to all time by the atrocious laws which they afterwards enacted. Happily and honorably for free institutions, though most disastrously to themselves, the sons of *this State, of other Free States,* and we may even hope some from the Slave States, who went to Kansas for a new home, have put the mad proceeding down in this insurrection. Yet *these are the acts which, by* judicial tyranny, and at the point of the bayonet, of troops of the United States, paid out of the common Treasury, the President of the United States has upheld and enforced. The consequence to some of the settlers was imprisonment, to some death, to all uncertainty and alarm, and to many ag*gravated loss and suffering.* It is hoped that under better counsels, order and law and harmony may be restored; but, meantime, great distress and privation will be endured, and, therefore, I would respectfully submit to your consideration the expediency of contributing, by an appropriation of money, to be used in case of need, towards the relief of the destitution and suffering which misgovernment has occasioned in Kansas, with the single remark that to do so, would only be an act of duty towards our own kith and kin who have migrated to that new region, of like character, but, certainly of higher obligation with the appropriations which, in a spirit of benevolence, the Congress of the United States have made from time to time for the relief of distant and foreign populations overtaken by great and sudden calamity.

I cannot close this communication without adverting to the striking illustration afforded by the recent election of the harmonious working of our institutions, and of the spirit of implicit submission to laws of their own devising, and which they feel to be equal and just, evinced by the citizens of all portions of our extended Republic. After an exciting canvass, lasting through many months, in which all took part, no sooner was the result ascertained, than the most entire and absolute acquiescence ensued, and without murder, or menace, or disturbance on the part of those who were defeated, the ordinary routine of life was resumed, without shock of any sort to industry, to credit, or other interests of society. It is greatly to misjudge such a spectacle, and a wrong to the cause of Constitutional liberty, to find, as has been done, in such a contest, only grounds for criminating the motives of a large portion of the most intelligent, educated and moral of our population; and none of rejoicing in the signal vindication of the stability of popu-

[illegible] Commander of the Atlantic [illegible] and [illegible] of our country [illegible] being still [illegible] our deliberations.

JOHN A. KING.

ALBANY, Jan. 5, 1857.

## The Loss of the Lyonnais.

STATEMENT OF ONE OF THE SURVIVING PASSENGERS.

(FOURTH THREE MASTED PARTY.)

The *Weser Zeitung,* of Bremen, publishes a letter from Mr. GEORGE SCHENELL, one of the passengers of the lost steamship *Lyonnais,* who was rescued with the party in the third mate's boat; but, instead of returning to New-York by the *Elbe,* of Hamburg, preferred going on to Bremen in the *Bremen,* Captain NORDENHOLT. His narrative is interesting:

ON BOARD THE BREMEN SHIP ELBE, AT SEA, Sunday, Nov. 23, 1856.

As you are acquainted with the loss of the ship *Lyonnais,* I limit myself to telling you of the adventures of the lifeboat in which I found myself with my wife, under the management of the third officer, from the time we left the vessel until we were received, after six days of great sufferings, on board the Bremen ship *Elbe,* Capt. NORDENHOLT, bound from Baltimore to Bremen.

The collision of the steamer *Lyonnais* with the other ship occurred on the first day after our departure from New-York, at 11½ o'clock in the night. During this whole night and the following day (Nov. 9) the crew and passengers were incessantly occupied in endeavoring to save the ship by throwing overboard her freight and by pumping out the water which had penetrated into the engine room.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the passengers were ordered to go to the quarter deck, and were distributed into the several boats. Unfortunately, the boats were not, as I had expected, completely fitted out and furnished with provisions, which caused not a little confusion. The boat which we were ordered to step into was overcrowded. I suppose there were twenty-eight passengers. While we were waiting for the officer and his crew, I heard the lieutenant of the steamer say that there were in our boat ten young ladies, some of whom ought to be carried to the other boats. At the same moment the sailors putting the oars in motion, our boat started, and we found ourselves near to the one which was under the command of the third lieutenant, till then a simple sailor, who gave his orders in a violent tone. When he saw us standing in our boat, he called on us to come over to his boat, and I not caring to do so, he repeated his orders with more energy, and ordered his men to bring us by force into his boat. On my objecting that his lifeboat was not safe, he answered, swearing, that it was so, adding at the same time, that if I came not willingly I would be forced to go. After inquiring from one of the cabin boys of our boat whether this gentleman was an able mariner, and being answered in the affirmative, I went with my wife over to the other boat. But I had soon to regret that step; the boat had a considerable leak, and although a lifehook, it could be kept afloat only by continually bailing out the water. Therefore I attempted to go back to my former place, but was prevented by force from doing so, and on asking for my wife to let her return to the other boat as a favor, I was refused in the coarsest manner.

The boat then left the steamer. It had grown very dark; the sky was covered with clouds; from time to time there was a heavy shower; and the water in our boat rose sometimes higher than our ancles. During the night we were at one time driven very far from the steamer, at another time we came so near her that I was in fear of a collision, so much the more as, except myself and my wife, all the rest had fallen into a deep sleep. Once I reminded the lieutenant of the danger we were in; he answered in an abusive tone that "what was not my business," but, nevertheless, he ordered the crew to stand by the oars.

Formerly, I had regretted that my wife did neither speak French nor well understand the French language, but now I was very glad of it; for our lieutenant and his crew were vulgar in their language and behavior, revoltingly indecent, and the lieutenant in particular conducted himself in a truly mean manner towards a servant girl who was with us.

Twice during this night a ray of hope lighted up the obscurity around us, but only to render it still darker by sad disappointment. We were just floating at some distance from the steamer when her cannon was fired, rockets rose into the air, and the boats, which lay nearer, answered with loud shouts to these signals. To our question, "what was the meaning of all this?" the Lieutenant answered that a ship was in sight which would come to relieve us. Joyfully we rose, but the Lieutenant went on laughing, to tell us that this was but a joke of his. Later they cried to us from one of the other boats that all hands on board the steamer were ordered to work. But this likewise proved to be an error, for when we came to the hatch the Captain ordered us to go again aboard, the order referring only to those who were on a raft, which was on the point of going to pieces

## AN ODE

On the Sub-Atlantic Telegraph.

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Ere they have broken in our Continents in two.
To end the wildest feuds at Passion's call
Ere they have bridled through the land of sand
That lies the East in Africa;
They weave a thread in History's flowing robe
Worthy the resplendent strain of Pindar's lyre;
They bury for beneath the changing tides
Their inter-hemispheric wires.
We hand when distant nations of the earth
By Science's Thames their skill and fabrics sent;
Ere more, when Europe bends to whisper words
Into the ear of giant Occident.
Not Science shall this work and wonder claim;
Not more was needed—all that noble Hills
The smile of race with a settled thought
And, God-like, binds the scattered wills.
We Two, to whom our God has Freedom given,
Whence others Freedom's nourishment must draw,
Converge like kin, and place the precious thread
'Gainst war, beneath the nations' law.
Commerce unceasingly, exchange, increase
The means of peace and culture, large and wide,
Without this dowry modern Freedom must
Fevered and self-consuming die.

December, 1856.

## PARIS GOSSIP.

Rachel's Hotel—"Economic Reality in Paris"—The Pescatore Suit—About Suicides and other French Eccentricities.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

PARIS, Thursday, Nov. 6, 1856.

After all the noise and confusion about the Hotel Rachel, it remains mould. At the moment the hammer was about to fall, M. DE GRAMMONT steps in, like a Governor's reprieve when the noose is adjusted to the criminal's neck, and reclaims the property in the name of its owner. After six weeks of public exhibition, six weeks of excitement, and of rolling of the big drum,—after thirty thousand dandiacable-looking people had stood en masse in the Rue Trudon, had smashed their hats and their crinolines in the narrow stairs and crowded boudoirs of the great tragedienne, M. EMILE DE GIRARDIN sees fit, all at once, to tell the eager public: "It's no use, ladies and gentlemen; there will be no sale; Mlle. RACHEL reclaims her property." But why, M. DE GIRARDIN? Is it to keep the name of the great artist before the world, so as to keep in the shade other growing reputations? Is it the last effort of a flickering renown contending with an ungrateful public for that gleam of glory which is the bane of artists in the decline of their career?

Some say that the inherent faults in the construction of the house intimidated purchasers, and it was on this account that the sale was stopped. The stairs of the house were constructed at a period when women carried skirts instead of steel hoops of two yards diameter. Many of the crinolines who made the pilgrimage of the rue Trudon went no further in the examination of the upper stories of the house, than to look at the stairs. Others made the attempt, and retreated at the third step. We are told of a lady who actually got locked in the attempt to mount, and was only extricated with difficulty from the delicate accidents of the position. It is easy to conceive that married people were thus obliged, however reluctantly, to renounce the purchase of this tragic abode. It would be impossible to accommodate there their legitimate wives. As for bachelors, the case was no better. The more one is bachelor, the more one is exposed and disposed to receive the fellow-tenant, or if you like it better, female tenant. In presence of such a miniature pair of stairs, it is difficult to comprehend how the robust SARAH FELIX managed when she went to pay her sister RACHEL a visit. But I would not venture to repeat the assertion of a certain gentleman, to the effect that these stairs were built expressly by Mlle. RACHEL to deprive herself of the visits of Mlle. SARAH.

A trial is soon to come before the Tribunals of this city, which recalls, in many of its points, the celebrated process Pescatore. A Lieutenant-colonel of the French army was engaged to be married to a young lady bearing a noble title. The lady was seized with a dangerous malady, and at a moment when her life was no longer hoped for, the lieutenant-colonel was called to lead his regiment to the Crimea. In a moment of generous inspiration he offered to prove the sincerity of his attachment to the young lady by marrying her before his departure. The marriage in *extremis* was accomplished, in the presence only of her friends and in secret. The rites were performed by a priest and the civil service required by the law was not resorted to. After the Colonel's departure the young lady unexpectedly recovered, and a year after, during a short stay which the Colonel was obliged to make in Constantinople for the service of the army, his wife went to rejoin him. There, to save appearances, and to satisfy any doubts that his brother officers might have conceived in regard to their position, they were publicly married according to the Catholic service. But no civil service was performed. After a short sojourn at Constantinople the husband returned to his command at Sebastopol, and the wife to her family at Paris. When the war was terminated, the Colonel returned with the army to France, but instead of hurrying to the arms of his wife, he kept out of Paris, and at first refused all explanation of his conduct, but finally declared that the marriage was not valid, since the civil part of the service had never been performed, and refused either to see or acknowledge his wife. After a long consultation with the Archbishop of Paris, the father of the young lady has commenced suit against the Colonel, laying the damages at one hundred thousand francs.

As in the Pescatore case, the Church decides in favor of the validity of the marriage, and it is from this circumstance that these trials derive their great interest, since a direct issue is raised between the Church and the State. The State contends that marriage is a contract which regards the State as much as the Church; that it is not an act exclusively religious in its nature, and that therefore no contract can be binding which is not sanctioned by the State, through its legal officers appointed for that purpose. In the Pescatore trial the Church lost its point, for the marriage performed by a Catholic clergyman, and not confirmed before a Mayor, was declared invalid. The Church seems desirous in the case of the Colonel, to give the State another trial on this troublesome question, and it is hoped that since the present is a clearly defined case, the question will be finally put to rest.

In the Pescatore case, which had been again appealed, the heirs have come to a compromise with the widow, and divide with her in such a manner that she is left more than a million of her late husband's fortune. This result was brought about by the interference of high dignitaries of both Church and State, who were anxious to see this struggle between the spiritual and temporal powers cease. Amongst the real estate left to the widow is the fine chateau called Celle St. Cloud, lying under the hill at St. Cloud, on the opposite bank of the river from Longchamps, in the Bois de Boulogne. It belonged at one time to Louis XV., who bought it for the Duchess du BARRY.

A young lady of fortune and great beauty, who not long ago dreamed an alliance with one of the bachelor Marshals of France, and who was even complimented on her good fortune by more than one of her friends, has just fallen into the arms of a young man who has but sixty thousand francs a year. But don't pity her; there are worse miseries than that.

A young man of good family in this city, holding the position of a *agent de commerce*, was found a few mornings ago suspended to a tree in the *Bois de Boulogne*. The cause of the rash act was found to be one of those *liaisons* which enter so largely into the chapter of human miseries. He was on the point of being married to a young lady every way his equal in position and personal qualifications, when a girl with whom he had lived maritally for years, and whom he had loved violently, stepped in to interpose a barrier to the consummation of the contract. She threatened him with an exposure of all sorts of secrets held secretly between the two, and it was in face of these threatened denunciations that the young man no longer felt the force to resist. Between the disgrace of his mistress' exposures, or that of refusing to marry his affianced bride, he chose rather to hang himself. He thus gave the world another example of the singular force of the choke d'amour, as M. SCRIBE calls it.

Last week, the wife of a well known citizen, a young and handsome person, died suddenly, and under circumstances which excited suspicion. The body was examined, and in effect her stomach was found to contain a large quantity of laudanum. The husband was arrested, much to the mortification of a numerous connection, and an investigation commenced. The officers of justice were not long in ascertaining, by letters written to his friends, that the deceased had voluntarily taken the laudanum with the view of committing suicide. But the position of the husband was not much improved before the community, since in the posthumous papers of the wife were found evidences of a brutality on his part which had driven her to the fatal deed. He excused his bad treatment on the ground of jealousy.

In the case of VELI PASHA, Governor of Candia, against a Belgium journal for libel, in the statement that he had strangled and thrown into the river his French mistress, we have the following explanation from the plaintiff's friends: When the Turkish Minister left Paris, he took with him a French instructress for his daughters,—a lady of thirty or thirty-five years of age. On arriving at Constantinople, he sent his entire family—including his wives, daughters, and the French governess—on to Candia, while he was obliged to remain some time in Constantinople. It was not long, however, before he heard of some irregularities of conduct on the part of the French lady shocking to Turkish notions of propriety, and finding, on his arrival in Candia, that these reports were true, he at once broke the engagement with the lady, and offered to send her back to Paris. But she, it appears, had counted largely on the position this connection with so important a family was going to give her, and falling into a state of great despondency, poisoned herself. This is the *pro* side of the story, and upon the evidence offered by the late Minister to sustain it, the editor was condemned. But he has appealed, basing his appeal upon the insufficiency of the plaintiff's proofs.

I sent you last week a singular story about a young girl that was said to be concealed by a priest in the Church of Saint Laurent in this city. No new developments have been made in the affair, and so far as I have been able to learn, the public rumor has been stopped by a card from the principal priest of the parish, who denounces the story as absurd, calumnious and impossible. But I imagine it is not so much the card of the priest that has allayed public excitement as the general feeling of confidence which is felt in the police. The moment the public are satisfied that the police is on the track of an affair of this nature the excitement ceases, for they know the power and disposition of that body too well not to know that full justice will be reached.

I close this chapter of human miseries by the announcement of a brilliant marriage—that of ALPHONSE ROTHSCHILD, second son of the Paris Plutus, to his cousin, daughter of LEONEL ROTHSCHILD of London. This young lady, whose hand has been sought by so many men of standing in London, and refused because she could not believe that it was her that they wanted so much as her money, is very beautiful, and during the *fêtes* at Compiègne this Summer was offered the shoe of the Emperor, an act which passes in court etiquette as a recognition that the recipient is the belle of the company.

The celebrated Scotch spiritual medium, DAVID HUGHES, has arrived in Paris, and has already made such an impression in society that the journals speak of him as the wonder of the age. By his influence we are threatened with another table-turning mania; for of all the professors in this last and most absurd imposition, none have ever excelled the one in question. But, perhaps, if the Parisians could learn a little of the experience gained in this art last Winter, in a certain reunion of distinguished Americans in Florence, in which Mrs. TROLLOPE, and other well-known English residents of that city were participants, the career of this accomplished medium in his impositions on the credulity of the public would be short.

Major BEN: PERLEY POORE's success in Europe has been almost as great as in the United States. It takes so little to gain a notoriety! He has had the honors of a universal mention in the French press.

A word of news for the doctors. The number of inscriptions (students) this year at the Medical School of Paris is exactly 1,000. Of these, 902 are for the degree of doctor, and 98 for the grade of health-officer; 126 are new inscriptions, 11 are from the schools of Strasbourg and Montpelier, and 84 are from the preparatory schools lately organized.

From the 1st of January next, the following members of the Faculty will be admitted to take their "retreat," viz.: Messrs. PAUL DUBOIS, CRUVEILHIER, BONNEAU and HERVEZ. M. PAUL DUBOIS will be replaced at the *Maternité* Hospital, but will continue his clinical lessons at the hospital of the Faculty.

The venerable Dr. DUMERIL, of the Faculty, has resigned his place as Professor at the Museum of Natural History, Garden of Plants.

M. NELATON, the popular surgeon at the hospital of the Faculty, has just been almost unanimously elected a member of the Academy of Medicine, section of surgical pathology. MALAKOFF.

### Sir William Hamilton.

LEE, Mass., Thursday, Jan. 1, 1857.

*To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:*

In your able article in yesterday's TIMES, on "The Dead of 1856," you say that "Sir WILLIAM (HAMILTON) will have no high rank in the history of Philosophy, having started no new theory of mental science, nor added evidence and light to the peculiar system he has espoused."

Is not this statement too sweeping? Is not Sir WILLIAM's theory of the "Unconditioned," as developed in his masterly reviews of "M. COUSIN's doctrine of the infinite-absolute;" his theory of the origin of our ideal of the "*judgment* of causation," and his theory of the primary qualities of matter—"new?" And the theory that we are "conscious" of an external world has been so illustrated, defended, and made prominent by him, that if it is not absolutely "new," it may properly be said to original with him.

But granting, for a moment, that he has "started no new theory of mental science," is it true that he has added no "evidence and light to the peculiar system he espoused?"

Dr. WAYLAND says of him, in his *Intellectual Philosophy*, (page 100): "It gives me pleasure to acknowledge my obligations to a gentleman whose boundless learning in every department of human knowledge, united with unrivaled acuteness and rare power of examining, with perfect distinctness, the minutest shades of thought, has long since given him a position among the profoundest philosophers of this or any other age."

Dr. HOPKINS, President of WILLIAM's College, has repeatedly spoken of Sir WILLIAM, to his classes, as being one of the most learned and profound metaphysicians of this or any age.

It would be easy to multiply authorities to almost any extent, and I apprehend that at the opening of 1856, by the almost universal consent of metaphysical philosophers, Sir WILLIAM was regarded as the first living metaphysician.

A man with such wealth of learning, acuteness and comprehension must live in posterity. If he does not who will? Respectfully yours,

A SUBSCRIBER.

## WIT AND HUMOR.

THE POETICAL WORKS OF HORACE SMITH AND JAMES SMITH. New-York: [illegible]

The Smith family is famous all the world over. The stagehorse Sidey has done something for its notoriety on this side of the water, while, on the other side, HORACE and JAMES, to say nothing of SYDNEY, have extended the circle of its celebrity. Here, the public has *ever* been the wag, and JOHN the butt of its waggery. But, over yonder, the tables have been turned; and these two famous brothers, rejoicing in the SMITH patronymic, were acknowledged the wits of Society; the legitimate children of that mirth-making goddess "in heaven yclept Euphrosyne."

There is something sad in the contemplation of a life devoted to witticisms and drolleries. It is a life without results. That notoriety which is gained only by puns and quaint conceits, by

"Quips and cranks, and wanton wiles,
Nods and becks, and wreathed smiles,"

is a poor legacy to bequeath to posterity. The legatee will sip the flavor of such a life very fastidiously; for man is always more fastidious about that which is pleasing than about that which is useful. And though he may occasionally turn back to it, for a draught to "charm his pained steps over the burning marl," he will, in his serious moments, confess a pity for the poor fellow who has died and left only a joke behind him.

The professed wit is a wit and nothing else. He is unlike other men in his elements and his instincts. That master quality of his mind which gives him distinction, naturally corrupts both his understanding and his heart. It gradually transforms him into a mere dramatic player, who cannot live without applause, and who cannot die contentedly, but in the hope that posterity will take up and prolong the *encore*.

It is very true, as HUDIBRAS says, that

"A little nonsense, now and then,
Is relished by the wisest men."

But however much we may relish the nonsense, in the interludes of serious life, we are apt to think little of the nonsense-maker. The man whose life is dedicated to drolleries; whose faculties are continually on the stretch to devise some new ingenuity of thought or phrase, which shall set the table in a roar, obtains little respect even from those who court him for the amusement his wit affords. His influence is disorganizing, and thoughtful men fear it. His habit of looking at everything with a witty eye, tempts him ultimately to forage upon principles and opinions, which wise men and good men have always held sacred. This was SIDNEY SMITH's disgrace. A man of good understanding and simple affections, he had formed such an irresistible proclivity in his mind to make a joke on everything, everywhere that his wit frequently became profanity, and the sacred robe of the prelate was often exchanged for the variegated jacket of the buffoon. "Would that I were Paul, in everything *except these bonds!*" was a witticism of his which must grate harshly on every religious mind, and which not even the repudiation by the State of Pennsylvania could justify. A wit cannot be anything else than a wit. The punster and the prelate, the clergyman and the clown, cannot wear the same robe. The character of the one must be sacrificed to the other. And it must be *aut Cæsar, aut nullus*, with whichever prevails.

We believe that HORACE and JAMES SMITH were remarkable exceptions of their class. Though acknowledged by society as accomplished wits and satirists, they assumed this character only as an amusement to while away their leisure hours. They were gentlemen under all circumstances, and the intoxication of fame never made them forgetful of the proprieties of life, or the religious opinions of their associates. Their wit and humor was not expressed so much in puns and apothegms, and sententious phrases, as in poetical sketches of life, and the foibles of society, which were characterized not only by wit, but by morality and common sense. SPENCER and PRAED were not more felicitous in their poetry of fashion than JAMES SMITH. And many of HORACE SMITH's rythmical stories and epigrams have been considered good enough to be incorporated in the elocutionary text-books of our primary schools. We can remember our own juvenile efforts to rehearse, with proper effect, the famous "Address to a Mummy," from our *National Reader*; and how zealously our Demosthenean pedagogue, in Connecticut exerted himself, on Wednesday afternoons, to crowd us up to that intensity of action with which we should utter—

"SPEAK! for thou long enough hast acted Dummy.
Thou art standing on thy legs, above-ground, Mummy!
Revisiting the glimpses of the moon,
Not like thin ghosts or disembodied creatures,
But with thy bones and flesh, and limbs and features!"

And then, if our declamation of this passage was successful, with what dallying air we should venture to speculate—

"Perchance that very hand, now pinioned flat,
Has hob-a-nobbed with Pharoah, glass to glass;
Or dropped a half-penny in Homer's hat,
Or doffed thine own to let Queen Dido pass;
Or held, by Solomon's own invitation,
A torch at the great Temple's dedication."

Not less familiar to the New England schoolboys of the last generation, is the rythmical story of "The Fat Actor and the Rustic." A player of those days, who was fat enough to act *Falstaff* without stuffing, had strolled out of town, one fine afternoon, to refresh himself

"With sight of streams, and trees, and snowy fleeces,
And thoughts of crowded houses and new pieces."

While thus pleasantly occupied, time flew fast and the player was quite unconscious of its flight,

"Until the moon began to shine,
On which he gazed awhile, and then,
Pulled out his watch, and cried—'Past nine!
Why, sounds, they shut the gates at ten!'
Backwards he turned his steps *instanter*,
Stumping along with might and main,
And though 'twas plain
He couldn't gallop, trot, or canter,
(Those who had seen it would confess it,) he
Marched well for one of such obesity.
Eyeing his watch, and now his forehead mopping,
He puffed and blew along the road,
Afraid of melting, more afraid of stopping:
When in his path he met a clown,
Returning from the town,—
'Tell me,' he panted in a thawing state,
'Dost think I can get in, friend, at the gate?'
'Get in?' replied the hesitating loon,
Measuring with his eye our bulky wight:
'Why, yes, Sir, I should think you might—
*A load of hay got in this afternoon.*'"

It is a beautiful quality of these authors, that they are ever fresh. Their humor belongs to no particular latitude, and to no peculiar state of society. It relishes as well with us as it did with our fathers; for it deals only with human nature, which is not an exotic anywhere. It points directly to the natural weaknesses and follies of men, and emblems in its verse just such scenes as we ourselves are cognisant of. The story of "Hobbs and Dobbs" is as good as old wine. They were Yorkshire shoemakers, residing in the same village, and rivals in trade. Their rivalry, instead of putting their friends and customers on a *good footing*, was the cause of constant quarrels between themselves, which soon enlisted the sympathies of all the village people:

"Splitting them into furious factions;
Some warmly advocating Hobbs,
While others, both by words and actions,
Supported Dobbs."

Their shops were opposite each other. This unfortunate circumstance speedily caused their rivalry to display itself in flaming sign-boards, on which their occupation was portrayed with a brilliancy of blue and crimson and gilt, calculated to dazzle the rustics, and draw all the custom from over the way.

"Hobbs, who had somehow given handle
For undeserved reproach and scandal,
When he new-dizzned out his board,
Wrote at its foot this Latin scrap—
'*Mens conscia recti!*'—which he took
From some heraldic motto-book,
Meaning thereby to have a slap
At his maligners, and afford
Proof that his paths he still pursued
Knowing his rival was no scholar;
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Some article of trade, perhaps, Russia sheet;
And being resolutely bent
His hated rival to outstrip
He sent forthwith for Mr. Crispe,
Painter and gilder,
When thus elucidated Dobbs—
'Paint me a sheet of the finest broadcloth,
Of great and exceedingly great value,
What! do you think I can't afford
To pay for it, as well as Hobbs?
Be these French knickneaks what they will,
I am resolved to beat him still.
To which effect I mean to
Destroy you'll print in gold, at bottom,
(That folks may fancy I have got 'em,)
'NOT A ONE WITHIN'S CHEAPER THAN I.'"

In verses of this character, the SMITH brothers have had many imitators, but no equals. They stand alone in their peculiarities. Of all humorous poets, since their day, HOLMES approaches them nearest. His humor, however, is not so practical; but it is intermingled with more pathos and is marked by an equal degree of originality. Few compositions of their kind are more worthy of immortality than "The Last Leaf" of Dr. HOLMES. But it seems to have been his *dies lacti*, for he has written nothing equal to those sketches during the many years that have elapsed since they were first published. The humor of the SMITH brothers was perennial. It bubbled forth without cessation, until death sealed up the crystal spring.

It is to the *Rejected Addresses* that these ingenious brothers are mainly indebted for their celebrity. These compositions are popular to this day, and have been acknowledged to be perfect, by the most fastidious critics. Before their appearance the literary world had never witnessed such an exhibition of the peculiar talent which they display, and which can only be paralleled by the marvelous execution of the mocking-bird. On the 14th of August, 1812, an advertisement appeared in the London papers, inviting competition for an Address, to be spoken on the 10th of October following, at the reopening of the Drury-lane Theatre, which had been rebuilt, after its destruction by fire. This incident suggested these famous *Addresses*, which are most successful imitations of all the poets of that day, and of some that had gone before. The brothers eagerly adopted the suggestion, just six weeks before the opening of the Theatre. It was arranged what authors they should respectively imitate, and each hastened to execute his portion of the task, and, when finished, submitted his papers to the other for correction or improvement.

The *Addresses* are twenty-one in number, and have run through several editions in England. Their success has induced numerous imitations on both sides of the water, which only shows the rareness of that peculiar talent necessary to the accomplishment of such a work. The *Baby's Debut*, written by JAMES SMITH, is the title of the rejected Address sent in by WORDSWORTH; and is a capital imitation of the childish simplicity and mawkish affectation of that poet, as will be seen by the following stanzas, which we copy from it:

"Well, after many a sad reproach,
They got into a hackney coach,
And trotted down the street.
I saw them go: one horse was blind,
The tails of both hung down behind,
Their shoes were on their feet.

The chaise in which poor brother Bill
Used to be drawn to Pentonville,
Stood in the lumber-room;
I wiped the dust from off the top,
While Molly mopp'd it with a mop,
And brushed it with a broom."

Lord BYRON's Address, styled *Cui Bono?* was written by HORACE SMITH, and is a successful imitation of the melody and misanthropic sentiments of *Childe Harold*. The following is one of its stanzas:

"'For what is Hamlet, but a hare in March?
And what is Brutus, but a croaking owl?
And what is Rolla? Cupid stooped in starch,
Orlando's helmet in Angustin's cowl.
Shakespeare, how true thine adage, 'fair is foul!'
To him whose soul is with fruition fraught;
The song of Braham is an Irish howl,
Thinking is but an idle waste of thought,
And nought is everything, and everything is nought."

The imitation of COLERIDGE is capital. It was written by JAMES SMITH, and commences:

"My pensive Public, wherefore look you sad?
I had a grandmother; she kept a donkey
To carry to the mart her crockery ware,
And when that donkey look'd me in the face,
His face was sad! and you are sad, my Public!"

HORACE wrote the Address by Dr. JOHNSON's ghost, who speaks like the old fellow himself. But we have not space to illustrate our article by an extract: and we must pass by the whole series, and refer our readers to the book itself for an entertainment which can be found nowhere else.

Soon after the first publication of the *Rejected Addresses*, the authors were invited to a dinner-party at the house of Sir HUMPHREY DAVY. During a momentary silence, a deaf old lady, who did not recognize the SMITHS among the guests, bawled out at the top of her voice, from her seat at the further end of the table: "Lady DAVY! they say the writers of the *Rejected Addresses* have brought out a new book which is uncommonly stupid!" The company immediately began to drown this sally by loud talking, when the hostess, leaning forward to JAMES SMITH, exclaimed: "Poor old lady! I hope you'll excuse her. I have no doubt she was told that the new book is uncommonly clever, not stupid; but her ears are always playing at cross-purposes." "Yes, Yes," replied SMITH, "I understand it all. She hears upon the same principle as the Irish echo, which, if you shout, 'How d'ye do, Pat?' replies, 'Indade, I'm mighty bad!' And so is our new book—mighty bad indeed; and I'm mighty glad the public think so we do about it."

JAMES SMITH died in December, 1839, in his 65th year; and HORACE in July, 1849, in his 70th year. Both were voluminous writers, and both have left an honorable reputation, which will not soon die.

The public is indebted to MASON BROTHERS, of this City, for this first American edition of their complete poetical works.

### The Outward Trip of the Persia—Her Passengers—General Tom Thumb, &c.

LETTER FROM S. S. OSGOOD, ESQ.

STEAMSHIP PERSIA, ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL, 10 o'clock, Dec. 19, 1856.

For the time of our late sojourn in our native land we have found in our comfortable arm-chair, in front of a soft coal fire, folded nicely, the DAILY TIMES, which we have found no little incentive to early rising, and I can assure you we have missed its interesting face exceedingly. Since we have been on board the *Persia* we wish that it could greet us every morning in our European wanderings, but as that is not possible, we must treasure up the recollection of the good it has afforded us, and the anticipations of meeting its familiar face to welcome us on our return.

We cannot refrain from the impulse to speak well of the good ship which has borne us safely over the deep waters of the broad Atlantic in so short a time and with so much comfort. Her state-rooms are larger than any ship I have ever been in, and admirably ventilated. Her saloon is spacious, elegant, light, and being warmed by hot-air pipes passing under the tables, is always of a pleasant temperature in every part. The fare is abundance of the best description, the wines excellent and cheap, the officers always civil and gentlemanly, and the ship remarkable for an easy, graceful motion; a great consideration for those who suffer from sea-sickness. Her spacious promenade deck extending nearly the whole length of the ship, which is 336 feet, affords very ample accommodations for the most active pedestrians, and on which scarcely a day has passed when our passengers of both sexes have not been able to avail themselves of its benefits. Until this trip there has been a band on board, and to the other pleasures of the trip have been added dancing and music, and so quiet is she that one might have imagined himself in the drawing rooms of one of our Fifth-avenue palaces. Another, and not the least of inducements to passengers, is her great speed—here we are only in the ninth day of our voyage with the wind ahead, and if this persists in to cross the bar, we shall be in Liverpool by night.

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## Our City Free School System—Some Improvements Suggested.

*To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:*

The legal organization of the consolidated system of Public Instruction in this City, has been in operation since 1853, when the Public and Ward Schools were united, and it has very fairly met the expectation of its projectors. At the time it was adopted, however, there were many things to be taken into consideration that have ceased to exist. There were two rival systems in existence, and the partialities and prejudices of the friends of each were strong. Thus, it was thought desirable to create a large Board of School Officers in each Ward, which should consist of two Commissioners, two Inspectors and six Trustees, in order to popularize the innovations proposed, and to harmonize the discordant elements sought to be united.

At present the case is entirely different; individual and popular feeling is, almost without exception, decidedly favorable to the most liberal extension of the system under the wise and judicious management of an intelligent and a responsible authority which can be held to a rigid accountability for all of its action. With the existence of separate and independent local boards, in each Ward, a strong tendency has already shown itself to over-ride the responsible authority now centred in the Board of Education, which is composed of the two Commissioners from each Ward, and is reorganized every year.

Numerous evils of a very serious character have shown themselves. These should be indicated and checked at once, by such modifications of the existing legal basis of the system as will meet the case. All political and merely selfish considerations should be rigidly guarded against in any future legislation that may be attempted.

After years of careful and definite observation, conducted in no unkind spirit, we have become fully satisfied that the number of school officers should be greatly reduced in each Ward, and that the number who are elected hereafter should constitute a Board of Education for the whole City, to take charge of the entire interests of education; thus uprooting, at once, and effectually, some of the most glaring evils now existing. Under such a Board of Education, composed only of our most respectable and intelligent citizens, with the City districted, and the interests of education considered as a unit, the regulations of a single responsible authority could always be carried into successful and immediate effect, and any neglects be traced directly to their source, and the people would be saved from the humiliation of seeing one of their most important and sacred interests confided to ignorant, inexperienced and unscrupulous hands, as is very often the case under the present arrangement. Such a Board of Education, having an official existence extending over a period of three or five years, one-third or one-fifth of its members being annually elected from the people, would insure a necessary permanence and consistency of action, essential to the healthful growth of the system. In addition, the Superintendent's department should be endowed with a similar period of official existence; and the City Superintendent should have the right to select his assistants, or to nominate them for election by the Board of Education, in order to secure a unity of action and responsibility in his department. Under the present order of things, the City Superintendent is about the last person consulted in reference to who or what his assistants shall be, as they are almost entirely independent of him, from the manner of their election. This officer should be the highest executive authority recognized in the practical working of the schools, under the organic regulations prescribed by the Board of Education. The examination and selection of teachers should in all cases be confided to this department. At present the City Superintendent is subject to the action of the Normal School Committee, whose chairman has assumed powers that clearly belong to the City Superintendent, in the granting of certificates to the highest grade, a manifest usurpation of the authority of that officer, highly injurious to the proper influence of his department, which should, in any future organization, be prevented by a clearly specified statement of the official duties pertaining thereto.

A systematic and uniform plan of school libraries should be carried into effect, under his supervision, and all new schools and other important improvements required should be reported to the Board of Education for action, from the City Superintendent, one of whose assistants should be designated as Superintendent of School Buildings. With such a supervision a perfect unanimity of action and responsibility would be attained.

By separating the election of School Officers, the Judiciary and Inspectors of Election, all presumed to be entirely non-political offices, from the Municipal, State and Presidential elections, making the day of election for the former to take place on the last Tuesday in November, after the State and general elections, when a healthful reaction from political excitement leaves the public mind in a suitable state to judge dispassionately, the main difficulties in the way of a proper discrimination in regard to the school candidates, would be obviated.

By our present mode of election, these offices may be and often are filled by persons who are carried in, on the political current, without any serious inquiry into their qualifications.

By the substitution of such or similar modifications as we have indicated, to which should be added a change in the time of the organization of the Board from January to March, (after the close of the Evening Schools,) many of the prevailing defects would be effectually reached and remedied.

The following are some of the more apparent imperfections of the present system, that are likely to grow into abuses:

1. The division of authority, leading to careless legislation and extravagant expenditure, in all the details of the system, without securing any equivalent advantages, while the Board of Education is placed in the humiliating position of being practically much less independent than any of the local Boards.

2. The constant crowding upon the Schools, through official agency and influence, of young and totally incompetent teachers, thereby inflicting serious injury upon thousands of children, who have no time to lose in school, while their teachers are getting an education.

3. The loose and irresponsible manner in which the Department of Supplies has been conducted in the Depository and in the Schools; also in the furnishing and use of fuel.

4. The disposition to override all controlling action, on the part of the Board of Education, often displayed by its own members, under pressure from the local Boards and political considerations.

5. The habitual disregard by the Board of Education of the suggestions submitted by the City Superintendent, with constant attempts by the members to evade their own by-laws, in order to secure merely local ends.

6. By the present mode of organizing the Board of Education, nearly half of the entire year is taken up in preparing, in secret places, for the [illegible] of the Board, during which time the schools are [illegible] by inexperienced teachers, to the injury of the pupils.

7. The entire element of [illegible] in the management of members of the Board of Education, [illegible] with the various [illegible] in the City, [illegible] their terms of office to political positions or [illegible] superintendents of [illegible] such [illegible] as [illegible] the City.

8. The entire element of [illegible] in the management of the Ward Schools, [illegible] schools by local [illegible] [illegible] place to the contest.

10. The want of a [illegible] plan of [illegible] will include a regular graduation of [illegible] from the Primary School to the [illegible] class in the Free Academy, so that [illegible] be under the necessity, as at present, of [illegible] nearly half of the brief period allotted [illegible] in relearning lessons received, or [illegible] taught in the most perfunctory and [illegible] manner.

11. The universal practice of placing very large classes of small children, under the care of young and inexperienced teachers, is the source of numerous and serious evils, often affecting the health and disabling the progress of the pupils for life.

12. The loose and careless manner in which new projects for the organization of nursery, or primary, districts and new schools in the various Wards, are suggested and brought into the Board of Education, during all periods of the year, [illegible] deserves special attention.

All matters relating to school buildings, the purchase of property for school sites, the furnishing of furniture, and all improvements in the material of our system, throughout the City, should be referred to an appropriate Committee, acting under advisement with the City Superintendent, and reported fully to the Board of Education by the first Wednesday in April of each year, which will enable that Board to distribute the moneys for the year, to be used for each purpose, at a single sitting, [illegible] by the Commissioners of the [illegible] prevent a great waste of time in school [illegible] done by incompetent of the Board of Education, which should be [illegible] rated to those who are [illegible] sit out their session.

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## FLATTERING PROSPECTS IN NORTHERN MEXICO.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN BROWNSVILLE.—DESPERATE INDIAN OUTRAGES ON THE RIO GRANDE.

The steamship *Atlantic*, Capt. SAWYER, from Brazos Santiago, via Galveston, arrived at New-Orleans on the 29th ult. She left the Brazos on the 25th, and Galveston on the 27th.

By this arrival we have Brownsville papers to the 24th ult.—two weeks later than we previously had.

There is no news of importance from Northern Mexico. The *Flag*, of the 24th says:

"The recent settlement of the difficulties between Gen. VEGA and the General Government is rapidly beginning to be felt to advantage on this frontier. Communication is again established with the capital and the more distant States, confidence is being restored, and prospects are in every way more flattering. We may soon hope to see our commercial intercourse with our neighbors restored to its former flourishing state."

The same paper says:

"Our community was shocked on Saturday night last at the intelligence that Mr. G. W. HOFFMAN had been killed in a manner clouded with the darkest mystery. At about 11 o'clock on Saturday evening, Mr. McFADDEN came rushing into Mr. William HARDY LAUX's restaurant, hatless, covered with blood. Though severely wounded—a ball having entered his left cheek, passed through his tongue and carried away several of his jaw teeth, he could not speak. But though repeatedly urged to tell who it was who shot him, he refused—saying that it was very mysterious," and that at some other time he would tell how it happened. He was then urged to give the information, and when pen and paper were presented him wrote but these words: 'And I'm in the' giving no clue to his assailant. Medical assistance was procured, and the wounded man put to bed, where he died in a short time thereafter. Coroner ESQUIVEL immediately summoned a Jury, who were engaged nearly all day of Sunday in the house over the body. We have not heard what verdict has been rendered, but learn that they were unable to fix the horrid deed upon any one.

There seems to be some doubt whether the unfortunate man came to his horrible death by the hand of a friend or by those of some midnight assassins. From the nature of the wound, it being on the left side of the face, instead of the right, and the ball entering alone, instead of six, as would seem most probable from one shooting himself, we are hardly think the first hypothesis of the case is tenable.

Mr. McFADDEN was an old resident of this place. He was employed by the Government as Wagon Master during the war with Mexico. At the close of the war he crossed to this bank of the river, where we believe he has resided up to his mysterious death.

The following Indian news:

It appears the savages have again commenced their depredations and their devious outrages in the Valley of the Rio Grande.

"We have just been shown a letter from Carrizo, on the Upper Rio Grande, which states that the Indians, taking advantage of the absence of the troops from that quarter, have commenced their old game of robbery and robbery again. We publish the following extract from the letter:

"The Indians have been down and stolen all the horses on this part of the Rio Grande. They are in three or four parties—in all about fifty. We have no troops to go after them; and I expect they will bother us greatly.

"I wish you would call attention to the fact that Fort McIntosh and Ringgold Barracks have not a single soldier in the lot, all the cavalry being stationed at San Antonio and the posts in that neighborhood. This is well, provided they would stop the Indians from doing damage, as they have to pass there to get here.

"At a ranch below me they killed one man, who is thought to be a negro. They are Mexican Comanches, as says a Mexican who was taken prisoner with them some years, and who escaped from the prisoners some years since in this vicinity.

"In two instances the Mexicans had left their mutilated dead to the wolves—the Indians taking all they possessed, to the shape of blankets, bedding, &c. Could they have been sent by Indian agents?"

The letter is dated 19th instant, and is written by a gentleman entitled to every credence.

Mr. H. EDWARD DOUGLAS, from his farm in Hidalgo County, informs us that fears are entertained in his neighborhood that the Texas Indians, or the small remnants of two tribes, at present living on the Mexican side of the river—are about recommencing their depredations. Mr. EDWARD had presided at a meeting of his neighbors, for the purpose of making arrangements for their protection against such an event. It will be remembered that these Indians did a great deal of mischief to our settlers a few years ago—during the administration of Governor AVALOS, in Matamoros.

By the arrival of the steamer *Sanchez*, last evening, from above, we have been furnished with the following additional items in relation to the depredations of the Indians on the Upper Rio Grande. The depredations enumerated below have evidently been committed by the same parties that are spoken of in the letter which we publish from Carrizo. The information was given at Rio Grande City, by a man who came down there from the scene of the outrages for assistance. He failed to get the troops, however, even, as he was told by the Commanding Officer at Ringgold Barracks that there was but one company there, of infantry, and they could not be spared from the garrison. This account represents the Indians as being Seminoles, and not Comanches, as stated in Carrizo. Be that as it may, they are evidently those of the present unprotected condition of our settlements, and have taken advantage of this to recommence their usual work of carnage and plunder. Hereto the last account:

"The Indians attacked, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, all the ranches in the upper part of Starr County. They killed THOMAS RAMIREZ, and a peon of his, a short distance from his rancho. About the same time they killed a man at Gonzales. In the upper part of the county, they attacked the ranche of JUAN ESTRADA, but just before arriving there, they met him coming back, and he escaped in fact. Another man, a citizen of Rio Grande City, was killed in the lower part of Webb County. At the ranche of Samuel Fuentes a woman had her arm broken by a fall in trying to escape from Indians. The savages were seen, plundered and a peasant twenty miles by the house of the chief. Nearly all the ranches are deserted by the inhabitants. There are all of the particulars that have come to our knowledge at present date, but no doubt many has happened that we have not heard of."

## NEWS BY THE MAIL.

A recent census of the town of [illegible] reveals the fact that there are [illegible] residents in that town who are [illegible] the stable. It was further ascertained that the church edifice now existing will not accommodate with seats more than 4,000 or 5,000 persons, there being 6,000 or 4,000 of the 10,000 or 11,000 population, resident in Chicago, who cannot obtain seats.

A bill has been introduced into the North Carolina Legislature, entitled "An Act to encourage and promote matrimony." The bill provides that the clerks of the superior courts, justices, female members of the legislature, and all licensed practicing attorneys at law, to solemnize the rights of matrimony, under the penalty of a fine or imprisonment.

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## The Governor's Message.

Governor King's message, which was sent to the State Legislature yesterday, is a brief, plain and business-like document. It refers to national policies, and repels with just force and severity the imputations cast by President PIERCE upon the majority of the people of this in common with the other Free States. The Governor sets forth, at some length, the principles and purposes of the Republican Party—insisting that they are not in favor of interfering with Slavery as it exists in any of the States, or of infringing, in any way or to any extent, upon the guaranties and compromises of the Constitution—but that they do resist its extension into any new territory of the United States; and that in so doing they are only acting upon what has been the settled policy of the Government from its beginning. His rebuke of the whole tone and temper of that portion of the President's message which relates to this subject, is dignified and deserved.

The condition of the various interests of the State is set forth with unusual fullness and detail. The entire Canal Debt, at the close of the present fiscal year, will be twenty-four million six hundred thousand dollars, and two millions and a half more will be required to complete the State Canals. This deficiency arises from the singular neglect, in making the estimate of cost upon which the framers of the Constitution acted, of the expense of engineering and of land damages,—which are always very heavy items in works of such magnitude. The Governor favors the imposition of a State tax, rather than an amendment of the Constitution so as to permit further loans. He is earnest and emphatic in his opposition to any suspension, and still more so to any sale, of the Public Works. The whole length of the Canals, and other public works of the State, is 892 miles, and their cost has been about fifty millions of dollars.

The census returns for the past year are given in a summary form by the Governor, and form an interesting feature of the Message. It is a curious fact that there is within the State just about as much unimproved, as improved land,—there being about thirteen million acres of each. The population in 1855 was 3,466,212,—an increase of 2.38 per cent, during the preceding five years. Of the whole number 980,000 were of foreign birth. The aggregate wealth of the State is two thousand millions of dollars. There are 951,953 children attending schools;—and the aggregate expense of the Common Schools of the State is $3,531,942. The number of enrolled militia is 835,000, of whom 18,500 are uniformed, armed and equipped. The Governor's suggestions concerning the Common Schools, Academies and Normal School are intelligent and judicious. In regard to Colleges and Academies the Message is silent. The Prisons, Asylums and Charitable Institutions of the State are commended to legislative attention and favor.

The following paragraph is all that relates to the important subject of legislation to restrict and diminish the evils of intemperance:

"The Excise Laws, which are coeval with our existence as a State, and the proper regulation and enforcement of which have ever been deemed essential alike to the morals and well-being of the people, would seem to require thorough revision. The Judicial decision against the Act of 1854, for the Suppression of Intemperance, Pauperism, and Crime, as unconstitutional, has left the sale of intoxicating liquors free from the wholesome restraints of law. However opinions may differ as to the right or expediency of attempting, by compulsory legislation, to prohibit entirely the sale, as a beverage, of such liquors, none will doubt that it is both a clear right and an absolute duty so to regulate their sale, as to diminish, as far as practicable, the risk of their abuse, if we may not entirely prohibit their use. For, of the frightful evils of drunkenness, no exaggeration is possible, and no remedy that law will permit, and opinion will sustain, to check or eradicate so fell an evil, should be left untried."

None, we suspect, will dissent from the views here expressed. Whether they will have the practical wisdom to act upon them, remains to be seen.

The affairs of this City engross an unusual share of the Message. The Governor urges the necessity of some steps to secure greater freedom and purity of the Elective franchise,—but he leaves entirely to the Legislature the discovery of what these steps should be. He urges also justly and forcibly the necessity, in order to secure good government for this City, of amending its Charter:—but the only defect which he specifies in it is that which relates to the Board of Police Commissioners:—and the only feature of that Board to which he makes objection, is that which associates two judicial officers with the Mayor in its composition. He recommends that this defect be remedied by creating a "new Police system,"—that is by providing for a new Board of Commissioners who shall have control of the Police Department. He suggests two methods of making such provision, one by having the Board *elective*, and the other by giving the appointment of its members to "the Governor, with, or without the advice and consent of the Senate." The last method, we suspect, will be found impracticable,—if for no other reason, because it will be found to conflict directly with the following provision of the State Constitution, [illegible] Cities, towns and villages [illegible] the Legislature shall [illegible]

The appointment of a Board of Police Commissioners may be given by the Legislature to any of our *City Authorities*, but not very conveniently to the Governor, whether "with or without the advice and consent of the Senate."

We do not think the Governor has by any means pointed out the principal source of the misgovernment of our City. The Police Department may be bad enough;—but it has very little to do with the wholesale corruption, the enormous profligacy, the gigantic and shameless robberies, which disgrace our City, and impose fearful and constantly increasing burdens upon its inhabitants. The evil lies much deeper than the Governor supposes. It cannot be reached by the remedy he suggests. Political objects and party aims may be answered by the action which he recommends. But the public welfare will not be protected, nor will public sentiment be satisfied, by such a reform as that.

## African Explorations.

That vast region of Southern Africa, lying south of ten degrees south latitude, has been at length penetrated by a white man, and a traveler has returned to civilization with the experience of sixteen years residence among the natives in the interior of this mysterious Continent. We, of course, allude to the recent arrival in England of Dr. LIVINGSTON, the celebrated missionary. As an explorer he has contributed greatly to geographical science; as a missionary he has labored successfully among the African tribes, regardless of personal danger, hardship or privation; and as either the one or the other, he is justly regarded as one of the most remarkable men of the present day, and is entitled to all the honor he has received at the hands of his countrymen. Dr. LIVINGSTON has only left the scene of his labors for a few months. His whole soul is in the arduous work he has undertaken, and that work, he says, is scarcely commenced. He returns to civilization to give us an insight into a problem—still obscure—but worked out sufficiently to encourage every hope that it will be one day satisfactorily solved.

The first expedition of scientific importance performed by Dr. LIVINGSTON was from the Cape of Good Hope, by the Lake Ngami, to Linyanti, and thence to Loando, on the Western Coast. Along this route, before untraveled, the position of rivers, mountains, lakes and places, were determined with scientific precision; the climate and the geology of the country were correctly noted and recorded, and the habits, manners and customs of the people were thoroughly examined. But, great as this feat may be considered, either as a daring, hazardous enterprise, or as an important contribution to geographical science, its results are not to be compared with those of the subsequent journey, accomplished by the same traveler, across the Continent from the Portuguese settlements on the West to those on the Eastern Coast. Starting from Loando on the West, the Doctor, according to the account given by himself, struck the Coanza, which river he followed in an easterly direction until it reaches the Kasye, and then along the latter river, from South to North, as far as Lake Diloto, a large expanse of water in the centre of the Continent. This water communication is further continued by a river called the Leambye, which, after lengthened windings, finally takes the name of Zambesi—and, passing through the towns of Tete and Sena, empties itself at Quilimane into the Indian Ocean.

It is not possible, within the compass of a brief article, to particularize the places, lakes, rivers or mountains which Dr. LIVINGSTON has discovered in Southern Africa. Following on the map the bare outline given above, the reader can glance at the great extent of country now opened up. But to establish the position of rivers, lakes, and mountains, whose existence was hitherto unknown, forms a minor portion of Dr. LIVINGSTON's labors. A knowledge of the physical structure of this unexplored country—deeply interesting though it be—is still less interesting than the discovery of a new and vast field for the enterprise and industry of man. We learn now, for the first time, that, far beyond the confines of civilization—where its vices have not penetrated—the true negro family possesses an unexpected intelligence and great capabilities for refinement and improvement. Many of this despised race accepted, with readiness, the truths of Christianity, and all expressed their willingness at once to trade with the white man. North of twenty degrees south latitude—supposed, up to this time, to be an arid, burning desert—lies an immense territory, which, we are now told, possesses a pleasant and healthy climate, and a soil well watered—covered, says our traveler, with a net-work of rivers, many of which are large and deep and never dry up. Here, some of the most fatal diseases among Europeans are unknown. Such is the country to which a highway from the sea has been opened up. We have but the faintest glimpse, as yet, of its undeveloped resources; but they promise an abundant harvest to the future trader. Among the articles of commerce that he found in his travels, Dr. LIVINGSTON enumerates various fibrous substances, strong, and in one case resembling flax—the sugar-cane, of which the natives know nothing—indigo, which grows wild and is quite a weed—wax, honey, quinine, and senna. Among the metals, Dr. LIVINGSTON includes iron ore, and malachite, from which copper is extracted. There are also coal fields, and even gold has been occasionally found. These are but a few of the products of the country lately traversed by the English missionary. To develop its newly-discovered resources will not only extend commerce, but will effectually suppress that traffic in the negro which is still carried on—though in a diminished degree—to the curse of civilization and the shame of humanity.

We sincerely trust that within as short a time as possible the results of Dr. LIVINGSTON's explorations will, in a detailed form, be laid before the world. Within a few months, the distinguished traveler himself will return to pursue his peculiar vocation, and to labor anew in the cause of Christianity and Science. He will leave behind him a very high and well deserved reputation.

NEW FIRMS.—The fact that the formation of some two hundred new business firms was announced in this City on the 1st of January, shows how extensive the commercial transactions of our business metropolis must be. The amount of capital invested in new special partnerships amounts to half a million of dollars. But, there are annually more new firms announced on the 1st of February than on the first day of the year.

A HOPELESS CASE.—The Augusta *Chronicle and Sentinel* says, in reference to the reopening of the African Slave-Trade, "that it would be any more immoral, or need be any more inhuman than the emigrant trade of the North, or that it any more deserves the stigma of piracy now affixed to it by law, we have yet to be convinced of."

Of course, argument and facts would be lost upon a person who can discover no difference between a foreign immigrant coming here of his own will, to labor where he may choose, and who will enjoy the fruits of his own industry, and one torn from his native country against his will to labor for another without the hope of personal freedom. But we have the charity to believe that our Southern cotemporary is not half so stolid and ignorant as he pretends to be. The Southern papers are continually grumbling at the small support they receive from the people, and complain outrageously that, in spite of all the warnings that are uttered against the press of the North, Northern periodicals are more read at the South than Southern ones. But how can Southern editors think that intelligent men will prefer to read such trumpery as the article from which we have made the above brief extract, to candidly-written and well-reasoned editorials? A fettered press can never be popular, and, if Southern publishers are desirous of securing the patronage of their fellow-citizens of the South, they must show themselves entitled to their confidence, not by flattering their prejudices, but by telling them the truth. The Columbia (S. C.) *Times* says, in reference to the discontinuance of the South Carolina *Agriculturist*:

"A great commotion is occasionally made about building up a Southern literature, &c. What encouragement is there for any individual to make an effort in that direction, when the Southern people allow most of the journals already established here to languish along in a starving existence—when they grudgingly and slowly give a mite towards the support of newspapers here, while they literally pay, in advance, heavy contributions to Northern publishers?"

Of course there is but one explanation to be given for this remarkable fact. If the people of the South prefer Northern periodicals, it is only because they are of a better quality than they can get at home.

INCREASED PAY TO ARMY OFFICERS.—We observe that the Chairman of the Military Committee in the House of Representatives attempted, on Monday, to bring up the bill for increasing the pay of the officers of the Army, but failed in obtaining the requisite number of votes, two-thirds, for that purpose.

We are somewhat surprised at this result, for we thought there was no measure which would be brought before Congress that would meet with more favor from members than that for increasing the pay of the officers of our gallant little army. It is universally acknowledged that they are more poorly paid than any other class of men in the employment of Government, and, at the same time, are harder worked. Their present pay, established over fifty years ago, has not been materially changed during this period, while that of all other employes have been increased from time to time to meet the increased cost of living. We trust that Congress will speedily act upon this matter, and at least allow the officers sufficient to live upon, which many of them do not secure at present. The army has carried our flag in triumph on many a hard-fought field, enabling us by its victories to annex to our broad domains the richest possessions in the world, which yearly bring us in millions upon millions, and it would seem but just and proper that a competence should be allowed to those who have served us so faithfully. We trust, therefore, that Congress will increase the army pay, for, although to Government it is but a small item, to the officers of the army it is of vital importance.

ALARMING.—A letter from Paris states that a congress of ladies lately assembled in that capital, whose object was to devise measures for putting an end to the expansion of the petticoat. A resolution was adopted which, though professedly aimed at hoops, must have been intended to preserve them as well as to increase their dimensions. It was resolved to expand them to so great an extent that their very absurdity would compel their abandonment. But the absurd point has been reached here a long while, and the ladies have manifested no disposition to give up their hoops. The dimensions fixed upon by the Paris Congress as exceeding the bounds of endurance for hooped petticoats is fifteen feet in circumference, requiring thirty-five yards of material for a dress. The members of the Crinoline Congress had resolved to make their appearance in skirts of such fearful dimensions, and of course our ladies will immediately follow suit. Fifteen feet circumference will give a skirt of five feet in diameter, which will be increased a foot more by flounces. As there are very few of our churches that have aisles five feet wide, ladies will not be able to wear their enlarged skirts in church, and a gentleman will find it impossible to indulge in the pleasure of walking down Broadway with a lady leaning on each arm. The Hoop Congress must have been in the interest of the manufacturers of Lyons and the milliners, and, under the pretext of diminishing an evil, they have taken measures to increase it.

STREET NUISANCES.—The new Mayor of Brooklyn deserves commendation for directing the attention of Common Council to the shocking practice which prevails in that city as well as in New-York, of making appeals to the charitable instincts of the people by exposing on the sidewalks all sorts of loathsome cripples and deformities. If these unhappy creatures have no friends to take care of them, they should be provided for by the public authorities. Broadway is infested with such disgusting objects; men without legs or arms, animated skeletons labeled "I'm starving," and all manner of hideous deformities are thrust upon the sympathies of pedestrians, so that a walk down Broadway, or any of our great public thoroughfares, is to be dreaded by a person of weak nerves or ordinary sympathies. The streets are full enough of disagreeable objects at the best, but these unhappy wretches who make a public parade of their hideous deformities, for the purpose of extracting contributions from passengers, ought to be taken care of by the public authorities.

## Physicians Certificates of the Cause of Death—Note from Dr. Masters.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

My attention having this evening been called to an editorial in your paper of this morning, headed "Something that needs attention," in which my connection with the case that gave rise to it is severely condemned, I beg you to insert the following statement in your next issue.

The deceased woman has been repeatedly under my care during the past five months, and since the fifth of December had attended at my office for treatment. I was fully satisfied, from actual observation of her intemperate habits, that they greatly aggravated the sickness for which I had last prescribed for her. The husband called at my office, on Saturday morning last, and stated that his wife had died the night previous, and asked for a certificate of death, on the ground that she had been my patient. On questioning him I had no reason to suppose that she had died from other causes than the disease from which she was suffering when I had last seen her, and her intemperate habits, and gave a certificate to that effect, with the remark that death had occurred suddenly. To my surprise, I was told in the evening by a friend that an inquest had been held, and the verdict had pronounced her death to have been induced by violence received at the hands of the husband; and that I had been censured for having given a certificate without having previously seen or attended the patient. I was not present at the inquest, and as my connection with the case has, I think you will admit, been misapprehended, for want of this statement, I beg that you will publish it. B. R. MASTERS.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1857.

Nothing can illustrate more forcibly the justice of our comments than the above letter of Dr. MASTERS. The object of the law which requires the certificate of a physician to the cause of death, as a condition of burial, is to secure reasonable and reliable evidence that the deceased person did not die from violence, or any cause of which the law takes cognizance. In this case, a man who had just beaten his wife to death, goes to Dr. MASTERS and asks for a certificate which shall protect him from the scrutiny of a Coroner's inquest;—and it is given,—not from any knowledge of the immediate cause of death, but from the fact that sometime previously she was known to be laboring under disease.

Dr. MASTERS is a respectable physician, of good standing, and beyond the suspicion of any other fault in the premises than that of carelessness. But if his inadvertence can so nearly conceal the evidence of a brutal and heinous crime, what may not be done by the intentional, or reckless misconduct of less scrupulous and less reliable men of the same profession? We are confirmed in the belief that some more stringent regulations on this subject are imperatively needed.

HITTING THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.—The Richmond *Enquirer* gives an instance of at least one good result, which it says has sprung from the Savannah Commercial Convention. It says:

"A gentleman of this city, who attended the Convention, was surprised to find that a prominent merchant of Savannah purchased his supply of nails in a Northern market. In reply to a friendly remonstrance, the merchant contended that he could not get his nails in any Southern city. To this the gentleman answered that an abundant supply of the best article was manufactured in Richmond. The merchant immediately sent an order for *four thousand* kegs to the Old Dominion Company of this city."

This is an encouraging symptom, certainly, and it gives us pleasure to publish it. But how did it happen that the Savannah merchant did not know that nails could be purchased in Richmond? Didn't the nail-maker advertise his goods, or didn't the merchant read the papers? It is gratifying to learn that Richmond can supply itself with nails; but we find in the *Whig*, another Richmond paper, another fact which is not so encouraging for the manufacturing prosperity of that city. It seems, from the statement of the *Whig*, that the flouring mills there find it difficult to obtain a supply of flour barrels sufficient to meet the demands of their business; and the wonder is expressed that no capitalist has undertaken to manufacture them by machinery. The price of empty barrels is about sixty cents, nearly double the price here.

AFFAIRS IN NORTHERN MEXICO.—We are glad to see that VIDAURRI proves faithful to his promise, and fulfills his agreement with the Central Government of the Mexican Republic. This adhesion of so distinguished a chief—the recognized leader of public sentiment in the North—proves satisfactorily that the rule of President COMONFORT is firmly established, and that if the wisdom and moderation by which his Administration has been hitherto characterized, are continued, it will gather additional strength and favor from day to day. The reported pronunciamiento at San Luis is scarcely to be regarded in a serious light. These species of *emeutes* may be troublesome enough, but they are of too common occurrence to excite much apprehension. Every indication leads to the conviction that the Government of COMONFORT is supported by the great majority of the people of Mexico, and if he continues to merit and receive that support we are not disinclined to believe, in spite of past experience, that a reign of prosperity is in store *for our sister Republic*.

A CURIOUS CONTRADICTION.—A Washington correspondent of the *Commercial* writes thus:

"The astonishing stories told in New-York about grand schemes for plundering the treasury are *entitled to no regard*. There are men enough, *in and out of Congress*, who are quite willing to be benefited at the expense of the public; and there are others, too, who, pirate-like, arrest measures, in their progress, *by demanding of the supposed benefactory the payment of tribute*. The statements and charges of corruption which I have seen in the New-York and other papers appear to come from this latter class."

It seems from this curious paragraph that there are "men *in* and *out* of Congress" who plunder the public in two ways,—by demanding pay for *aiding* the passage of bills, and by levying black-mail as a condition of not opposing them. What worse statements and charges than those which are thus acknowledged to be true have been made, in New-York papers or elsewhere, we are not aware. Yet in the face of his own confession this correspondent sneers at stories of "corruption." We should like to know what *his* idea of corruption is.

AN INCREASE OF POLICEMEN NEEDED.—We have before alluded to the inadequacy of our police force to properly guard the lives and property of our citizens; but it seems that, small as the number of our policemen is, when viewed in comparison with the space over which they are scattered, they are numerous and ample compared with the police force of Brooklyn. From the message of Mayor POWELL we learn that there are never more than sixty men on patrol duty at one time in the whole of that great city, which includes an area almost as great as that of the City of New-York. It is no longer a wonder that Brooklyn has been so long a kind of burglar's paradise, and that street robberies and house-thieves are so common there. It would be a piece of economy in our Brooklyn neighbors, we should say, if they were to quadruple the number of their policemen.

CONGRESS.—The first business in order before the Senate, yesterday, was the election of a President *pro tem.*, after which the Iowa contested election case was debated, but no conclusion was arrived at.

In the House, Mr. BOYCE gave notice of another amendment to the Tariff bill. A bill was introduced, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, the more effectually to prevent the selling of intoxicating liquors to the Indians. The President's Message came up again for consideration, and speeches were made by Messrs. STEPHENS of Georgia, and DAVIS of Maryland. The former congratulated everybody, generally and in particular, on the result of the late election; while the latter contended that, as Mr. BUCHANAN was elected by the votes of a minority of the people, the majority condemned the issues made by the Democratic Party. He predicted the greatest possible confusion in the distribution of the spoils.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The State Legislature convened yesterday. The Assembly was called to order at 11 o'clock, and after the swearing in of the members, DEWITT C. LITTLEJOHN was elected Speaker on the first ballot, and assumed the Chair with a short and pertinent address. Mr. RICHARDSON, of Albany, was elected Clerk. The usual preliminaries having been gone through with, the Annual Message of the Governor was presented and read. An afternoon session was held, but no business was done.

The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock by Lieutenant-Governor SELDEN, who made a brief address. A resolution of thanks to Hon. HENRY J. RAYMOND, for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of President of the Senate, was adopted. A resolution in reference to the death of Senator WHITE during the recess was adopted, after a eulogy by Mr. BROOKS. The Governor's Message was then received and read.

TOO FASTIDIOUS, BY HALF.—We find the following verdant paragraph in the unsophisticated columns of the Providence *Journal*:

"The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *North American* charges that certain members of Congress have sold their eligible seats, and taken others in the outer circle. *We can hardly credit such enormous.* If it be so, the names of the men who have so disgraced themselves and the House, ought to be exposed."

Rhode Island must be a delightful corner of the earth to live in! Its seclusion must be charming. Our old friend of the *Journal*, who has been Governor of the State, and is ere long, we hope, to be one of her U. S. Senators, is positively shocked at the intimation that honorable members of Congress actually sell their seats! If they would stop there, we would be content. But the fact, is, almost everything they possess is understood to be in the market. There are scores of them who sell the books, stationery, the sealing wax—the *franks* even, to which they are entitled by law. And there are many who go still further, and sell their *votes*. We presume if the private account-books of a good many honorable members of Congress could be scrutinized, there would be found a long column of receipts for *aye* or *no* upon matters of interest to parties who can afford to pay.

The Providence *Journal* should understand that this is a very venal age—and one of the least culpable kinds of bargain and sale in which "certain members" of Congress indulge, is the disposal of the seats they are lucky enough to draw.

HARD UP.—The Edgefield (S. C.) *Advertiser*, which has always been one of the fiercest and most zealous of the Disunion papers, thus cavalierly confesses that the occupation of that portion of the Southern community is, for the present, at all events, completely gone:

"POLITICS.—There's none afloat. The Charleston *Mercury*, Gen. BEAUREGARD, and two or three others, are still talking about disunion. But the biggest part of our sensible people are as for old BUCK and the Constitution. If *they* fail, then there will very probably be the devil to pay. Whether he will take his pay in *blood or in niggers*, remains to be seen."

We are inclined to think that "niggers" will be the circulating medium with the particular creditor the *Advertiser* refers to, as far as they will go. When they have all been paid out, the little balance may possibly be settled with "blood."

## Movements in Kansas.

We find in one of our Kansas exchanges the report of a public meeting held at the Town of Quindaro, to consider the subject of a railroad from the Missouri River to the interior of the Territory. Remarks were made by several gentlemen upon the benefits of such a road to the country. Gov. ROBINSON thought that as far as to Lawrence the stock could be sold and the road built within a year. A committee of five was appointed to correspond with various parties on the subject, and a resolution was adopted declaring the desirableness and feasibility of the proposed road.

A temperance meeting was held in Lawrence a *few evenings before Christmas*, which was well attended, and addressed by several prominent citizens.

We have also a report of a public meeting at Lawrence to take measures for establishing a *College* in that portion of the Territory. Gen. POMEROY presided, and Gov. ROBINSON addressed the meeting. A memorial was prepared to be presented to Congress, asking a donation of land in aid of the institution, and the following gentlemen were elected Trustees:

Gov. John W. Geary, Lecompton, Kansas.
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Ex-Governor Slade, Vermont.

The fact that the people of Kansas can thus turn their attention to educational matters and works of improvement affords conclusive evidence of the abatement of the troubles from which they have suffered so much. We hear from all parts of the Territory that quiet has been restored—that general confidence is felt in the intentions and efforts of Gov. GEARY, and that there is scarcely any room for doubt that Kansas will be a Free State.

A very large emigration, mainly from the Northern and Western States, is expected in the Spring.

## Personal.

Lieut. STEPHEN DECATUR writes that the wretch who murdered the warden of the Massachusetts State Prison assumed the name of Decatur. His real name is CATER. His father, CHARLES DAVID CATER, was formerly employed as a mechanic at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, and the boy attended school at Portsmouth under the name of CATER. His life has been a record of crime, commencing at 14.

Hon. CHARLES SUMNER had intended to start for Washington on Monday, but has postponed his departure at the request of his physician, who is anxious to detain him as long as possible from any chance of excitement. The Boston *Telegraph* says he is gaining strength slowly, but his nervous and nervous system is still painfully sensitive, and has declined to the greatest extent all that for about fifteen months he labored so earnestly and nearly sacrificed his life to accomplish. Although his health is uncertain and slowly improving, no little or no part before the original injuries he received will be entirely repaired.

## Obituary.

ROBERT CARTER NICHOLAS died at his plantation in Terrebonne, La., on the 24th ult., of apoplexy. In politics, he was a Democrat. He was a Captain in the United States Army during a part of the war of 1812, being attached to the division stationed on the Canada frontier, and afterwards promoted for his rank of Colonel. He was for twelve years a member in Congress, which post he filled with honor to the State and credit to himself. Col. N. was sent on *Charge d'Affaires* to Naples, by Gen. JACKSON. He was also Secretary of the State of Louisiana, and later, Superintendent of Public Education. He was about sixty-five years of age.

THE TAZEWELL DUEL.—The Charleston papers still contain communications in reference to the Tazewell duel. The affray having been disposed of, the newspaper war turns upon certain questions of veracity, in the discussion of which, Dr. JOHN BOZEMAN and Mr. ARTHUR BURTT are the parties interested. It is a private fight, purely personal, and shedding no light upon the circumstances of the duel. Alleged informal of dueling usage are the base of controversy. The *Standard*, however, has got into hot water in consequence of these publications, and it is not probable that the controversy has yet seen its termination. That paper publishes a very sharp card, addressed to the Editor, by J. L. PETIGRU and JAMES SIMONS, threatening the extreme penalties of the law of libel if any further publication were made, and demanding explanations. The *Standard* explains and justifies its course.

## Indian Outrages in Florida—Murder of a Whole Family.

*Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.*

ENTERPRISE, East Fla., Sunday, Dec. 21, 1856.

The Indians are making towards this place. On the 20th an express from Smyrna passed here to Capt. BULLOCK, at Fort Gatlin. The carrier stated that a family had been massacred by the Indians, at Smyrna's old place, eight miles from Smyrna. Capt. B., with a posse of his men, started immediately, and, on arriving at the place, found that Farm Smyrna and family, consisting of his wife and two children, had been murdered by them; and his house burnt, probably on the 19th, by a party of ten to twelve. Smyrna was found in the field some sixty yards from the house, with two bullet holes through his head, and badly cut with an axe; his wife and little girl shot on the water's edge, in front of the house, and the remains of their boy, ten years of age, was found among the burning ruins of the house.

Mr. SMYRNA was from Pennsylvania, and came up in the same boat with me, with his family and goods, to settle at that place, and arrived about the 1st December.

This climate is delightful, and fruits very fine, but there is not much pleasure in going around out of one hand and holding your rifle in the other.

Respectfully. F.

HON. H. W. HILLIARD.—A paragraph from the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph represents this gentleman as having declared his intention, at a recent meeting of the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of returning to the ministry. Though this would seem to be a fair inference from the language used, we find an explanatory statement in the Talladega *Herald*, that Mr. H. does not intend to abandon the profession of the law.

☞ The total of contributions by the Fourteenth-street Presbyterian Church (corner of Second-avenue) to benevolent societies, and objects outside of their church, during the year 1856, was $15,560 00.

This church has under its care four Sabbath schools, which, at their last census, contained 1,739 pupils and 136 teachers.

☞ Protect your gas meters, or, as was quite generally the case last evening, have your lights refuse to burn. Especially where the service pipes cross open areas, this little kindness is essential to your evening illumination. *Mem.* Let us see if the gas bills recognize this arrest of flow.

☞ At 10 o'clock last night the mercury stood at seven degrees above zero. All day it was powerfully cold, with a stiff breeze from the northwest. The solitary sleigh in Broadway found it tolerable sleighing, while in the subways the sleighs slipped merrily enough.

## Mails for Central America.

We are requested to give notice that a monthly mail will hereafter be made up at the New-York and New-Orleans Post-Offices, for Punta Arenas, La Union, Acajutla, and San José de Guatemala, (Central America,) for dispatch by the California mail steamers of the 5th of each month. Letters for the Sandwich Islands, on arrival at Panama, will be immediately dispatched thence to destination by the steamship Columbus, belonging to the Panama Railroad Company.

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## Arrested on Suspicion of Murder.

About four years ago a young man named MICHAEL MAGARRY, of Rudson's, went to a ball at Claverack, and was there killed in a row. The affair was well nigh forgotten until recently, when a young man named DENNY CUMMINGS, while intoxicated, dropped certain hints in the hearing of Mr. MAGARRY, MICHAEL's father, which awakened his suspicions that CUMMINGS knew about the murder of his son. ANDREW DOLAN and two others were also implicated. DOLAN and CUMMINGS are now in jail. The other persons have not been found. An investigation of the affair will take place immediately.

SELLING LIQUOR TO SLAVES.—The evil of selling liquor to slaves has increased to such an extent that the people of some of the counties and parishes have determined to bear it no longer, and have commenced action in the premises. Two meetings have recently been held in the town of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, at which the citizens resolved themselves into Vigilance Committees, and having found out the names of several persons engaged in the nefarious business, ordered them to leave town within forty-eight hours. Up to Friday last two of them had left. A den was pulled down by the citizens. The *Sentinel* says all those who have been ordered to leave "will have to travel." The citizens have submitted to the infliction as long as they intend to. Not the first step has been taken to arrest the growing evil in this city where it prevails to an extent *almost past belief*. The time is coming, however, when action will have to be taken.—*N. O. Bulletin.*

SUDDEN DEATH.—A lady, named WALKER, residing in Plane-street, rose at her usual hour yesterday morning, and, while preparing breakfast, was taken with a sudden pain. She immediately alarmed her husband, who went after medical assistance, and soon after he returned, she died—the whole transition from apparent good health to death occupying but an hour. A post-mortem examination was held, and showed death to have been caused by a rupture of one of the main arteries of the heart. A rare occurrence.—*Newark Adv.*, 6th.

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The trade is now divided among about fifteen brokers, who are ready to sell the Cotton, (generally and properly speaking,) to all the Cotton Spinners in Europe and America, and recommends the most desirable parcels he himself has for sale. The merchant may call on half the number, and by the time he has done so, and seen a host of samples in different lights, his eye (but every hour or day amongst cotton) and his memory are sufficiently confused. Now it is a fact, that the Cotton Spinner is extremely improbable that he will be able to hit on the best value, or the cheapest cotton, elsewhere, &c., &c., offered upon by the seven or eight brokers he has called upon. But somewhere among the other seven or eight whom he has not called upon, there may be far better value than anything he has seen. Thus he misses the best purchase, and the most anxious seller fails to find a customer.

Another disadvantage experienced by the buyer is, that while the seller knows perfectly well the value of the cotton, by his Southern invoice and the time he has had for guessing, the buyer is in the dark except in so far as he can judge for the hasty, superficial, and confusing survey of the samples in various lights, to which I have referred. Practically the seller has both the previous knowledge of his commodity and a broker to act for him—but the buyer, though paying a brokerage, has neither the one nor the other, since the province of his broker should undoubtedly be to look out behalf of his client for the cheapest and best parcels offered on the whole market, and not merely to sell the stock placed in his hands.

At the same time any business man must see at a glance that under the present system the entry of even a small number of buyers into the market, each of them calling on a number of the selling brokers, often causes an excitement and an advance of price against themselves, given before a single purchase is made. Were a single buying broker, on the contrary, in possession of orders from the same buyers, they remaining in their own counting-rooms, he could get offers of and purchase all the cheap parcels offering at the minimum prices, before it was known that there was more than a single buyer in the market.

In all other large Cotton markets with which I am familiar, these causes have led to the establishment of a class of buying brokers, who from spending all their time in the purchase of Cotton, can always place their hands upon the cheapest parcels, besides being able, through their knowledge of the trade, to judge the quality better than it is possible for the seller, or his broker to do.

I am led to believe that the want of such a broker has been felt in this market, and this want I shall now endeavor to fill. I shall receive no samples or commission from any seller of Cotton. I shall purchase for those who employ me from among the samples offered by all the brokers in the market, and from the brokers only, and thus, from not opening them, but, on the contrary, bringing business to them, I hope to meet with their ready approbation, of which I am already assured by most of their number. They will, as in duty bound, do their best for their sellers. I shall, at the same time, in perfect good fellowship, do my best for my buyers. Thus the principle on each side will be properly served.

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WANTED—A BOY, NOT LESS THAN 16 YEARS old. He must write a first-class hand, draw well, and give satisfactory references. Apply, between 11 and 1 o'clock, to ALBERT PALMER, No. 6 Tryon-row Buildings.

WANTED—A CROCKERY SALESMAN, IN A large jobbing-house in this City. Any one having experience and a good trade will address, with real name, Box No. 3,159 Post-Office. All communications treated confidentially.

WANTED—IN A PAPER WAREHOUSE, A smart, active boy, 14 or 15 years of age. Apply from 9 to 10 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M., at BULKLEY, BROTHERS & CO.'S, No. 246 Pearl-st.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED PACKER OF fancy goods, (combs, buttons, &c.) Address, with name, box No. 1,880 Post-Office.

WANTED—A COLORED GIRL AS CHAMBERmaid and laundress. City reference required. Apply at No. 217 6th-av., between 9 and 5 o'clock.

## TEACHERS.

TEACHER.—A GRADUATE OF A COLLEGE of this City desires employment for 3 or 4 hours of his time daily as teacher or in any other capacity. Would like to connect himself with some newspaper or periodical. Address H. H., No. 61 East 27th-st., New-York.

WANTED—AN EDUCATED AMERICAN TO open a new school in a desirable part of the City, under favorable opportunities. A member of an Evangelical church preferred. Address SCHOOL, *Times* Office.

## BOARDING.

BOARDING.—PARTIES WISHING BOARD IN a private house, where they can enjoy all the quiet, neatness, attention and good fare peculiar to a New-England family, will apply at No. 68 Hudson-st., between Jane and Horatio sts. Rooms handsomely furnished. Dinner at 6 o'clock.

BOARDING.—BOARD WANTED IN A PRIvate family or first-class boarding-house, for a gentleman, wife, child and nurse, not below 8th-st. nor above 30th-st. Dinner at 6 o'clock. Address W. J., Box No. 814 Post-Office, stating locality and terms.

BOARDING.—A LARGE ROOM WITH THE hall room adjoining, fitted with gas, water, closets, and all the conveniences for comfort, can be had at No. 6 St. Mark's-place, with or without board.

BOARDING.—TWO OR THREE GENTLEMEN can obtain pleasant rooms at No. 74 East 14th-st., near Union-square. Dinner at 6 o'clock.

BOARD IN SOUTH BROOKLYN.—TWO large and one small pleasant room, on the third floor, with good cooking, furnished or not, may be had in a small private family, (with partial board for gentlemen) near the South Ferry, No. 262 Henry-st.

WANTED—BY A GENTLEMAN, A FURNISHED room, with breakfast and dinner; tea on Sundays; location between 20th and 34th-sts. and Broadway and Madison-av. Address A. B. & CO., Box No. 4,629 Post-Office.

A FAMILY OF THREE DESIRE BOARD in a private family, where they can enjoy the comforts of home during the Winter months. Address Box No. 993, New-York Post-office. Location above Bond-st.

NO. 19 FIFTH-AVENUE.—A suite of neatly-furnished rooms, with gas, bath and closets attached, to let to a party of gentlemen.

NO. 3 MONROE-STREET.—A GENTLEMAN and his wife, and a few single gentlemen, may be accommodated with board at 3 Monroe-st., near Oliver-st.

## INTELLIGENCE OFFICES.

SCOTCH INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, NO. 37 Cedar-st., corner Broadway. Experienced servants with good references can be obtained here for city or country, viz.: cooks, chambermaids, nurses, seamstresses, girls for general work, young girls, &c. Also, farm servants, gardeners, coachmen, porters, waiters, &c.

KEROSENE OILS.
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KEROSENE BINNACLE OIL.
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MOORE'S BUSH HILLS IRISH WHISKY. BILLECART SALMON, VERZENAY CHAMPAGNE. For sale by CAMPBELL & SHAMAN, No. 424 4th-av., corner of 29th-st. Also, Agents for the CELEBRATED TRENTON CRACKERS.

## DRY GOODS.

EMBROIDERIES, SETS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

We are selling off the balance of our large stock of EMBROIDERIES, LACES, &c., Far below the cost of importation, to make room for spring stock, consisting in part of LACE AND MUSLIN SETS AND COLLARS, THREAD AND FRENCH LACE VEILS, BANDS, EMBROIDERED AND PLAIN LINEN CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., &c. Ladies will please call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. BEEKMAN & CO., No. 473 Broadway.

MARSEILLES AND TOILET QUILTS. Transition Bargains. 11-4 and 12-4 MARSEILLES, 1st, 12s., and 14s. each, Worth 12s., 20s. and 25. Very fine do., $2 25, worth $3. At the Great Sale, No. 703 Broadway, Near 4th-st.

SUMMER SILKS. BEAUTIFUL CHINA SILKS Are now selling at 1s. per yard, FRENCH GLACE SILKS, 4s., 4s. 6d. and 4s. 9d. At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway, near 4th-st.

AGAIN REDUCED. RICH LYONS VELVETS, Fifty per cent below cost, For this week only, To close stock. CHAS. HEARD & CO., No. 301 Grand-st.

DECIDED BARGAINS IN SUMMER GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, Comprising SILKS, GRENADINES, BAREGES, BAREGE ROBES, MUSLINS, LAWNS, &c., &c., At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway, near 4th-st.

AGAIN REDUCED. HOUSEKEEPERS GOODS, IN EVERY VARIETY, to close stock. CHARLES HEARD & CO., No. 301 Grand-st.

GOODS FOR BOYS' WEAR. CASSIMERES, DOESKINS, BROADCLOTHS, CAMBLETS, &c., At a great sacrifice. At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway, near 4th-st.

BEEKMAN & COMPANY, No. 473 Broadway, Will sell a very handsome GRAY BEAVER CLOAK For $10.

MOURNING GOODS. DELAINES, BOMBAZINES, ALPACAS, PARAMATTAS, MUSLINS, CHALLIES, &c., &c., &c., At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway, near 4th-st.

AGAIN REDUCED. RICH DRESS GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, for this week only to close stock. CHARLES HEARD & CO., No. 301 Grand-st.

CLOSING OFF STOCK. Leaving the Retail Business. Ladies will find tremendous bargains in every description of DRY GOODS, At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway, Near 4th-st.

CHEAP SILKS, CHEAP SILKS. The best SILKS at 6s. per yard, To be found in the City. Now selling at BEEKMAN & COMPANY'S, No. 473 Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.

CLOAKS ARE NOW SELLING WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO COST. They must be sold at Any sacrifice, At the great sale, No. 703 Broadway, Near 4th-st.

AGAIN REDUCED. The Entire Stock of RICH AND FASHIONABLE SILKS, For this week only. CHAS. HEARD & CO., No. 301 Grand-st.

GREAT SALE OF LINEN GOODS, At No. 703 Broadway, Near 4th-st.

AGAIN REDUCED. LUPIN'S FRENCH MERINOES, To 1s. and 5s. 6d. per yard, For this week only. CHAS. HEARD & CO., No. 301 Grand-st.

$50,000 WORTH OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OFF WITHOUT RESERVE. Commencing on Monday, 6th inst. ISAAC HADDOCK, NO. 265 GRAND-ST., (Between Chrystie and Forsyth sts.,) Will SELL OFF his general stock of DOMESTIC AND FANCY DRY GOODS. At prices much below their present value. Consisting of blankets, quilts, damasks, Irish linens, toweling, bleached and brown muslins, flannels, cassimeres, satinets, merinoes, paramattas, black silks, marcellines, de laines, prints, tickings, &c. Also, hosiery, gloves, ribbons, embroideries, trimmings, and small wares of all kinds. As this stock will be sold without reserve, I. H. hopes his customers will call early and reap the benefit of good goods at low prices. Lease of the store and house to be disposed of—5 years to run, from 1st of May next.

LADIES' SLEIGHING CLOAKS, AT GENIN'S BAZAAR, No. 513 Broadway. A cheap garment, with comfort and elegance combined, imported expressly for the sleighing season, at the following extraordinary low prices:

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| Heavy Cloth Wrappers | $8 00 | worth $4 50 |
| Extra Heavy Cloth Wrappers | $8 50 | worth $6 00 |
| Siberian Cloth Circulars | $4 00 | worth $5 00 |
| Lion Skin Cloth Cloaks | $6 00 | worth $12 00 |

The above are not to be found in any other establishment in this City. GENIN'S BAZAAR, St. Nicholas Hotel.

CLOAKS AT HALF PRICE, TO CLOSE THE SEASON'S IMPORTATIONS. We shall offer our ENTIRE CLOAK STOCK during the MONTH OF JANUARY, At (in most cases) ONE-HALF the ORIGINAL PRICE in order to effect an entire clearance. GEORGE BULPIN, No. 361 Broadway.

GREAT SALE OF MOURNING GOODS. The subscriber being induced to enlarge store and make important improvements before Spring, in consequence of which the present valuable stock will be sold off at a great sacrifice, commencing on Monday the 6th instant. Take Notice, a lot of Embroideries, slightly soiled, at half-cost. W. JACKSON'S New Mourning Store, No. 551 Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.

## FURS.

FURS AT HALF PRICE, TO CLOSE THE SEASON'S IMPORTATIONS. We shall offer our entire FUR STOCK during the MONTH OF JANUARY at (in most cases) ONE-HALF the ORIGINAL PRICE, in order to effect an ENTIRE CLEARANCE. GEO. BULPIN, No. 361 Broadway.

FURS AT COST. At HARLEY'S, No. 34 John-st., and No. 13 Maiden-lane. Fur Mantillas and Cuffs, $20. Fur Capes and Cuffs, $5.

## STATIONERY.

ACCOUNT BOOKS AND STATIONERY. FRANCIS & LOUTREL, No. 77 Maiden-lane, collect orders from new and old firms. Books made to pattern. Engraving and printing executed in best style; writing papers, copying presses, manifold letter writers, Diaries for 1867, fine stationery articles for presents, &c., &c.

"A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING."—THIS old or good old motto finds a medium for most useful service in the PATENT ADHESIVE LETTER AND INVOICE FILE manufactured by R. T. YOUNG, No. 100 Nassau-st., and for sale by stationers generally, and now the new year is commencing, let every business man be up to the times, and commence this excellent method of preserving all papers of value, so as to find them in a moment. Price for those capable of containing 250 letters, or 500 bills, $1 each. Discounts made on purchases of half a dozen or more.

BLANK BOOKS AND STATIONERY FOR 1867.—New and old firms requiring blank books with which to commence the new year can be furnished with sets, or parts of sets, made of first-class paper, in stock, or made to order, ruled to any pattern, at the shortest notice, and at reasonable rates, by SLOTE & JANES, Stationers and Account-Book Manufacturers, No. 69 Fulton-st. A general assortment of Stationery constantly on hand.

CITY BANKS.—CHECK BOOKS ON ALL THE City Banks for sale by JOHN J. BLOOMFIELD, Stationer and Account Book Manufacturer, No. 73 Chamber-st., (Shoe and Leather Bank Buildings.)

EXTRA AND CHOICE SHEATS.—CONSISTing of Best Mutton, Lamb and Veal, in cuts to suit purchasers, by THOMAS F. DEVOE, Nos. 7 and 8 Jefferson Market, from animals selected.

## AMUSEMENTS.

LAURA KEENE'S NEW THEATRE. No. 624 Broadway, near Prince-st. Doors open at 6½; to commence at 7½ o'clock. Admission—Dress Circle and Parquette, 75 cents; Reserving Seats, 75 cents; Family Circle, 50 cents; Orchestra Stalls, $1 each; Private Boxes, $8 and $6. Box office open from 8 till 4 o'clock.

TRIUMPHANT RESULTS. CROWDED HOUSES. HOLIDAY WEEK. BEAUTIFUL AND NOVEL EFFECTS. On WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7, 1867, the beautiful drama of SECOND LOVE. Supported by Messrs. Lingham, G. Jordan, C. Wheatleigh, Harcourt, and Misses Ada Clifton and Manners, and Miss Laura Keene. MUSICAL SELECTIONS BY THE ORCHESTRA. To conclude, for the third time, with a new extravaganza burlesque called YOUNG BACCHUS; OR, SPIRITS AND WATER. Produced with New Scenery, Dresses, Appointments, and Music arranged by Mr. Thomas Baker, and to be performed by Miss Laura Keene, supported by the whole company and a numerous Corps de Ballet.

NIBLO'S GARDEN. Doors open at 6½; to commence at 7½ o'clock. Tickets.....Fifty cents. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2, 1867, will be performed the opera seria, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR, by the celebrated PYNE AND HARRISON COMPANY, who were received on its first performance with REMUNERATING CHEERS. To-morrow.....DON PASQUALE. Full particulars in small bills. Tickets to all parts of the house, without reserved seats, 50c. Secured seats in dress circle.....50c. extra. Orchestra arm chairs.....$1. Private boxes.....$5. These may be secured for two days in advance, at the box office from 8 A. M. till 8 P. M. All seats not sold during the day will be thrown open without reservation in the evening.

BROADWAY THEATRE. W. A. MARSHALL.....Lessee. W. .....Stage Manager. THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 7, 1867, Sir Bulwer Lytton's play called RICHELIEU. Richelieu, the architect of the sixteenth century, Mr. Forrest. With an excellent petite comedy called DAY AFTER THE WEDDING. Second Parquette, Family Circle, Dress Circle extra Seats, $1; Family Circle and Third Tier, 75 cents; Private Boxes, $3 and $4. Tickets may be secured in advance. To-morrow (Thursday)—Second Night of the German opera of THE MASON AND THE LOCKSMITH. Friday—First night of the German opera of THE CZAR AND THE CARPENTER. Saturday—Mr. Forrest as OTHELLO.

WALLACK'S THEATRE. PRICES OF ADMISSION—Boxes and Parquette, 50 cents; Upper Tier, 25 cents; Orchestra Stalls, $1. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 1867. INCREASING ATTRACTION OF HIAWATHA. Enthusiastic reception of Mrs. JOHN WOOD. Repetition of the beautiful three-act Comedy of PRISON AND PALACE. And the capital Farce of JOHN DOBBS. To-morrow—HIAWATHA, and other entertainments. All the great comedians every night.

BURTON'S NEW THEATRE, BROADWAY. WEDNESDAY—The great original and popular play, FASCINATION, with its excellent scenery and capital acting, and the laughable, musical, fairy extravaganza THE INVISIBLE PRINCE; OR, THE FALLOW OF PERSEUS IN THE LAND OF TRANQUIL DELIGHTS. In which piece the following unrivaled comic and musical talent will appear: Mrs. G. Howard, Miss Polly Marshall, Miss Fanny Browne, Miss L. Marshall, Mr. Mark Smith, &c. Mr. Burton as the Priest in the play. Mr. Burton as Chevalier Topaz; Mr. C. Fisher as Fabian.

BUCKLEY'S SERENADERS. NEW HALL, NO. 585 BROADWAY. MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, 6, 7, will be produced BY SPECIAL REQUEST, the grand celebrated burlesque on SOMNAMBULA, in three acts, and all the original music, and on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the burlesque on opera of MARITANA, preceding which, NEGRO MINSTRELSY. Commences at 7½ o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents. On FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 9, 1867, Benefit of Mr. JAMES BUCKLEY, on which occasion J. H. BABCOCK will appear.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. To let, on the off-nights of the opera, for concerts, lectures, &c. Accommodation for 4,000 persons. Price per night $300, including light. BALL SEASON. The price for ball-nights has been reduced to $750, including all the privileges of the bars, supper-rooms and cloak-rooms, together with the lighting and flooring. Apply to N. H. WOLFE, of the Executive Committee, No. 2 South-st.

L. M. GOTTSCHALK, AT DODSWORTH'S ROOMS, on TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 15, 1867. Particulars in Friday's papers.

PUDDY'S NATIONAL THEATRE.—DRESS Circle, 25 cts.; Pit, 12½ cts.; Orchestra Chairs, 50 cts.; Private Boxes, $6. THIS EVENING, Jan. 7, the entertainment will commence with the comedy of the ATTIC ANGEL. To be followed by the pantomime of PLANCHE; OR, THE LIVELY FAIRIES. Planche.....Miss Price | Turlette.....Miss Herring. To conclude with the Drama of TEMPTATION.

BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.—EXTRAORDINARY COMBINATION OF NOVELTIES! THIS (Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1867,) EVENING, at 7 o'clock, will be repeated CINDERELLA; or, THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER. After which, THE HONEST MILKMAN. AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, CINDERELLA. The Incomparable Human Giant the Living Serpents, the Dwarf Lady, the Living Skeleton, Happy Family, &c., may be seen. Admission to everything, 25 cents; Children under 10, 12½c.

HERE GOLDBECK HAS THE HONOR TO inform his friends and musical amateurs in general that he will give THREE MORNING RECITALS of classical and modern music—by permission—at No. 61 East 22d-st., (a private house.) Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Feb. 21. To commence at 3½ o'clock precisely. Terms of subscription—for three Recitals, $5. A single admission, $1. To be had of all the principal music sellers.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—MAURICE STRAKOSCH begs leave to announce that he has made arrangements with the Executive Committee of the Academy of Music, for a short season of ITALIAN OPERA, which will commence on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 14.

DR. ABBOTT'S CELEBRATED EGYPTIAN MUSEUM.—The most popular, attractive and instructive Exhibition in the City, and the continual resort of persons of literary tastes and refinement, is now open at the Stuyvesant Institute, No. 659 Broadway. Admission 25 cents.

DUSSELDORF GALLERY, NO. 497 BROADWAY.—The best collection of Paintings in this country. It contains 150 Paintings. Open day and evening. Admittance 25 cents.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—THE CRYSTAL PALACE is still open to the Public, and contains many things curious and wonderful. The statuary alone is worth the price of admission.

## LECTURES.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION OF NEW-YORK.—Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER will deliver the second lecture of the course at Dr. Chapin's Church, No. 549 Broadway, on THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 3, at 7½ o'clock. Subject, The Commonwealth. Tickets 25 cents, or $1 25 for the remainder of the course, (six lectures). For sale at the bookstores, and at the door. DWIGHT H. OLMSTEAD, Chairman, Lec. Com.

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Professor YOUMANS will lecture on *The Chemistry of the Sunbeam*, at Hope Chapel, WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 7, at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7. Tickets, 25 Cents, for sale at the bookstores, and at the rooms, No. 32 Waverley-place. GEO. W. COLLORD, Ch'n. Lec. Com.

LECTURE AT PACKER INSTITUTE, JOralemon-st., Brooklyn, on THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 3, at 7½ o'clock, for the benefit of the Home for the aged and Orphan House Building Fund, by Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins, D.D., LL. D., Bishop of Vermont. Subject—*The true Relation of Knowledge to the Welfare of Mankind.*

GOURAUD'S ITALIAN MEDICATED SOAP.—It is well known cures TAN, PIMPLES, FREKLES, ERUPTIONS, SALT RHEUM, BARBER'S ITCH, CHAPS, CHAFES, TENDER FLESH, &c., besides being the very best shaving compound ever invented. GOURAUD'S POUDRE SUBTILE removes hair from low foreheads, upper lips, or any part of the body, safely and quickly—warranted. LIQUID ROUGE, for pale lips and cheeks. LILY WHITE, for flushed, rough, pimpling faces. HAIR DYE instantly converts red, gray, or light hair, to a beautiful black or brown, without staining the skin. HAIR RESTORATIVE forces the hair to grow, and makes stiff, wiry hair soft, glossy and silky. Found at Dr. GOURAUD'S old established depôt, No. 48 WALKER-ST., first store from Broadway. Mrs. HAYES, Brooklyn; J. R. GALLENDER, Philadelphia; BATES, No. 125 Washington-st., Boston, and druggists generally.

ARE YOU GETTING BALD?—IF YOUR hair turning gray? Do you wish to cultivate good whiskers and mustaches? Your hair to be soft, silky and glossy? Your head to be cool, comfortable and free from dandruff? Mothers! are your children to have luxuriant heads of hair? Then use BOGLE'S HYPERION FLUID, which never fails to the desired effect. Price, 50 cents, 75 cents, 1 dollar and $2 per bottle. BOGLE'S BALM OF CYTHERIA stands unrivaled for curling the hair and plaiting and beautifying the moustaches. Price 50 cents. Inventor and proprietor, W. BOGLE, Boston. Sold wholesale and retail by WM. BOGLE, No. 50 Washington-st., Boston; and in this City by BARNES & PARK, BUSHTON, HEGEMAN, CLARK & CO., & M. HING, Brooklyn; A. B. & D. SANDS, Fulton-st.; W. R. CAREY & CO., P. O. WEBELE; W. R. ZIEBER, Philadelphia; and by druggists everywhere.

## COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THOMAS S. HOGE, and will continue to do business from this date, in the city of New-York, under the name and style of WILLIAM HOGE & CO., and have associated with me in the business, Mr. WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, of the firm of HOGE & WILLIAMSON. WILLIAM HOGE. Jan. 1, 1867. Office in New-York, No. 45 William-st., Merchants' Exchange Building.

WE HAVE ASSOCIATED with us in business, under the name and style of R. WILSON, J. HAMILTON WILSON, and J. HALLETT, and will transact business under the firm in the City of New-York, under the name and style of R. WILSON, HALLETT & CO., and in Liverpool under the same name and style of R. WILSON, HALLETT & CO., the firm then, as at present, of R. WILSON, late R. WILSON, Esq., and of W. R. HALLETT, late R. WILSON, Esq., and of W. R. HALLETT. Jan. 1, 1867. JAMES HOGE & CO. Office in New-York, No. 28 Wall-st., Merchants' Exchange Building.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the partnership existing between the undersigned, under the firm of HALSTED, BROKAW & CO., expires this day by its own limitation. The business will be settled by the undersigned, who are authorized to sign the name of the firm in liquidation. Office, No. 18 Wall-st. JAMES HALSTED, JOSEPH BROKAW, HENRY BUTLER, CHARLES R. ANDREWS, JONES, S. THOMAS, WILLIAM KENT. New-York, Dec. 31, 1866.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of BROKAW, BUTLER & CO., for the transaction of the Dry Goods jobbing business, and will occupy the Store Nos. 82 and 84 Murray-st. Mr. N. N. HALSTED will occupy an office as above. JOSEPH BROKAW, HENRY BUTLER, CHARLES R. ANDREWS, WILLIAM KENT. New-York, Jan. 1, 1867.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm of GROSBECK & COOK is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The name of the firm will be used by either in settlement. A. V. S. GROSBECK, JOHN F. COOK. Jan. 1, 1867.

COPARTNERSHIP.—A. V. S. GROSBECK has this day associated with him ANDREW J. WOOD, late of the firm of Freeland, Stuart & Co., and will continue a general Oil and Lard business, under the firm of GROSBECK & WOOD, at No. 216 Washington-st., corner of Duane. A. V. S. GROSBECK, A. J. WOOD. Jan. 1, 1867.

JOHN F. COOK has this day opened the store No. 7 Canal-st., for the purpose of conducting the Produce and Smoking business, and will be pleased to receive orders from his friends, which will be faithfully executed. JOHN F. COOK.

DISSOLUTION.—THE LATE PARTNERSHIP of LATHROP & LUDINGTON expires this day by its own limitation, No. 16 Cortlandt-st. New-York, Dec. 31, 1866.

The undersigned will continue the Dry Goods Importing and Jobbing business, under the firm of LATHROP, LUDINGTON & CO., and will remove, on the 1st inst., to the new store, Nos. 82 and 84 Murray-st., (between Broadway and Church-st.

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**Board of Governors.**

The Board of Governors of the Almshouse met yesterday at the Hospital. This was the first meeting for the year 1857. An unusual number of strangers were present.

Governor GUSTIMA, Vice-President of the Board, moved that Governor SAYER be elected President pro tem.

Governor SAYER having taken the Chair, the minutes of the last meeting in 1856 were read and confirmed.

R. F. PENDLETON, Esq., (late President of the Board of Commissioners, and PATRICK G. MOLONEY, (new member,) took their seats at the Board.

This being "nomination day," the various demands of the institutions under care of the Board were read by the Secretary. They presented no peculiarity. In a few instances the quantities were cut down, but no extremely close attention was paid to them by the majority of the Board.

It was then moved and seconded to nominate officers for the year. The Chairman pro tem. nominated Governors MOLONEY and PINCHNEY as tellers of a ballot.

Governor TOWNSEND wished it to be understood that he was not a candidate for the office of President of the Board.

Governor OLIVER hoped no member would vote more than once.

The result of the first ballot was 6 blanks, and for Governor TIEMANN 4 votes. No election. The second ballot was with the same result.

The third ended TIEMANN 5; blank 7. No election.

Governor OLIVER moved a recess of 10 minutes. He said the reason was, gentlemen had not made up their minds. He thought it necessary to talk the matter over, in view of the fact that the Know-Nothing Republican section of the Governors had not agreed which of the Democratic Governors they would support, in anticipation of the next Presidential election.

More than 10 minutes elapsed, but the Board had not finished their private deliberations, in which Governors TOWNSEND, DUANE and GUSTINE took no part. The lobby seemed anxious and excited, but conversational and lively.

After three-quarters of an hour's consultation, another ballot took place, with the same tellers as before, with the following result: TIEMANN, 3; GUSTINE, 4; TOWNSEND, 1; blank, 2.

The Chairman declared this as no election.

Governor TOWNSEND said he had already declared himself no candidate, and hoped no one would vote for him.

At the next effort the numbers were: For Governor GUSTINE, 1; TIEMANN, 1; blank, 2.

Governor GUSTINE, late Vice-President, on assuming the Chair as President, made a few appropriate remarks, pledging his best endeavors to act with impartiality.

Governor SAYER moved the appointment of Governor OLIVER as Vice-President and Secretary.

A ballot being taken, Governor OLIVER received 7 votes; Governor ANDERSON, 1; blank, 2.

Governor OLIVER then took the seat which Governor GUSTINE had vacated, at the bottom of the table.

Several communications were then received and referred. After which, the Board adjourned.

The following is the usual weekly return:

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| Number remaining week ending Jan. 3, 1857: | |
| At the Bellevue Hospital | 612 |
| Lunatic Asylum | 600 |
| Alms House | 1,462 |
| Penitentiary | 561 |
| Penitentiary Hospital from Penitentiary | 5 |
| Penitentiary Hospital from Workhouse | 291 |
| Penitentiary Hospital from Almshouse | 43 |
| Workhouse | 756 |
| Small Pox Hospital | 12 |
| Randall's Island | 619 |
| Randall's Island Hospital | 209 |
| City Prison | 336 |
| Second District Prison | 6 |
| Third District Prison | 12 |
| Colored Home | 257 |
| Colored Orphan Asylum | 160 |
| Children at Nurse | 184 |
| Total | 6364 |
| Increase | 70 |
| Number remaining Dec. 27, 1856 | 6294 |
| Admitted | 891 |
| Total | 7185 |
| Died | 59 |
| Discharged | 706 |
| Sent to Penitentiary | 62 |
| Sent to State Prison | 1—831 |
| Remaining | 6354 |

**Farmers' Club—American Institute.**

There was a good attendance, yesterday, at the ordinary meeting of the Farmers' Club, at the American Institute, Judge LIVINGSTON in the chair. The Secretary, HENRY MEIGS, Esq., read some interesting translated extracts. The first was from a communication to the Imperial Society in France, in reference to the habits and natural history of the ostrich. The early Egyptians symbolized Justice by the ostrich feather; in several places these birds are even now carefully tended for the sake of their feathers, and some valuable crops have been obtained in one year.

Next, a paper was read in reference to the Chinese potato. The subject has frequently been noticed at the meetings of this association. The Secretary read an important paper from the bulletin of the Imperial Society in relation to the plant styled "*Canna gigantea*," an excellent and productive source of farinaceous material, and rivaling the common arrow root.

Mr. A. J. GRAHT, of Brooklyn, submitted to the Club a beautiful parlor conservatory, under a hemispherical glass shade, 18 inches in diameter. Under this were seen a great variety of beautiful plants of the slow-breathing class, mosses and lichens; analogous in type to cold-blooded animals. Some of these were extremely minute and delicate, and all were so verdant and lively as though they had been just lifted from a well-watered meadow.

M. BIOT, of Paris, made some valuable remarks as to the best mode of the cultivation of mushrooms.

Mr. FIELD, of Brooklyn, then read an extremely valuable paper on the subject of orchards, or rather on the cultivation of trees and plants generally. Mr. FIELD's remarks were quite practical, but recognizing the importance of scientific theory.

Dr. WAINWRIGHT eulogized the paper of Mr. FIELD, especially because of its admission that science and theory must guide and direct all practice. The doctor adverted freely to the character of plants, as vital organisms, and amenable to all the laws which regulate vital development.

Professor MAPES felt inclined to repeat the observations he had previously delivered on the cultivation of the peach tree. Peach stones, in falling from the tree, always bury themselves alike, point downwards. *This ought to be denoted.* Broad end upwards, the frost opens them and water enters. He described a plan adopted by Mr. CARPENTER, of New-Jersey, the idea of which is, to fit the bud in the process of budding, by cutting away so much of the bark as will allow the insertion of the bud in place of the removed bark. The peach tree must be set one inch deeper than in the nursery from which it has been taken. The new growth should be shortened in, early in the next Spring. The double lobe is a fruit bud, and the stock should never be shortened in, next to it, nor next to a double one. If a peach be borne on the end of a long, straggling, dependent branch, its death will not be distant. If a branch grew near a stable, the horses, who understand the thing better than we, will shorten it by nibbling off the extreme ends. Peach trees eighteen years old may be secured as fruitful if properly treated. The soil must be disturbed early, or there will be no crop, but a very large hole ought to be made in planting. Dr. PARK, of Washington, has root-grafted the peach tree instead of budding it, and, after twenty years, the plan appears successful.

Dr. WAINWRIGHT asked how old a branch should be before it might be cut off for pruning purposes?

Mr. FIELD said it should not be cut much after the midsummer growth has commenced. He thought the succulent wood of a year's growth might be safely removed.

Dr. WAINWRIGHT said that if it were so, then by analogy the operation of grafting sufficiently the whole tree in a few nights be remodeled.

Mr. FIELD answered in the affirmative. The only time to prune old wood was when the tree was growing vigorously. Not in Winter, but when full of sap, the bud being immediately inserted.

Prof. MAPES alluded to the contrivance of using shell lac in the process of grafting.

The management of the grapevine was then taken up by Mr. WAGNER.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the subject of "*Farm work for Winter, and the necessary economical preparations for Spring,*" was given out as the topic for the next meeting on the 20th inst.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7.

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**Decisions in Admiralty.**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Jan. 6.

Before Judge Betts.

BOTTOMRY—ENFORCEMENT DEBT—POWER OF MASTER—RATIFICATION BY OWNER.

*John Gardner et al. vs. The Bark White Squall.*—Brevet, J.—The bark White Squall, commanded by E. J. Hawkins, master, sailed from New-York for San Francisco on the 17th of February, 1855, and on the 25th of March thereafter put into Rio Janeiro in distress for repairs. The master consigned the ship to Graham, Brix, & Co. Endeavors were then made to obtain money by bottomry sufficient to make the repairs and outfit necessary to enable the ship to prosecute her voyage to San Francisco. The surveyors of the ship estimated the amount necessary at £3,500 sterling; but no loan could be obtained at a less premium than 35 per cent. The master wrote to the owners for directions from them and the underwriters. None had been received on the 1st of July. In the meantime, the vessel having been made nearly ready for sea, a call, by notice through the papers, was again made for an offer of a loan on bottomry to continue the voyage to San Francisco, to be addressed to the Consul's office. No offer being given, the master then advertised for such loan to bring the vessel with her cargo back to New-York, but obtained none for that voyage either.

The master had sold part of the ship's cargo and applied the proceeds towards the repairs, and entered into a contract of charter for the vessel, when Mr. Lang came to Rio as agent of the owners and brought £3,500 sterling, which was also expended upon the debts contracted for the repairs. Soon after Lang's arrival, Harding left the ship as master, and Burke, her first mate, was on the 1st of October appointed by Lang, master in his place. He executed the bottomry bond on the 5th of December, 1855. The vessel had been ready for sea for about five months. Burke executed the bond under the direction of Lang, without any knowledge of the necessities of the vessel, but because he was told that Lang must have more money. Upon the facts in proof the master had no authority in law to give the bottomry hypothecation in question. The debts all accrued from separate credits given the master of the vessel, or her consignees, by mechanics, material men and others, and were entirely incurred in very considerable period before the treaty for this hypothecation was on foot with the bottomry lender. These facts were notorious. It was, therefore, well understood that the loan was made to extinguish antecedent debts not contracted under any assurance or expectation of a bottomry security, and was not made to the creditors themselves, but to others who bought in the debts in effect as an abatement of 38½ per cent. from the amount. The master could not bind the ship, her cargo and freight, to the satisfaction of such debts. (8 Peters, The *Virgin*; 1 Wheat., 96, The *Angra*; Abbott, 200, [note 1,] 1 Peters, 886.)

But although the bond was signed by the master yet he acted in the matter under the direction of the agent of the owners, and not on his own judgment and discretion. This agent was sent to Rio by the owners with funds for the use of the vessel, and, as must be implied, with general powers to act for the owners in respect to the ship. He displaced the original master and substituted another. He called in the bills of the ship, had them all adjusted, and authorized a composition with the creditors. He then arranged with the consignee of the ship for her hypothecation, for the purpose of raising money to satisfy the debts still outstanding. After the bottomry hypothecation was made, he had all the papers, including the protest of the master and crew, the particular bills and vouchers for all the expenses of the ship at Rio, with the bottomry bond, transmitted to the owners. They laid these documents before the adjuster of general average at New-York, and obtained from him a computation and allowance of their share of the general average, and claimed and received that share from the underwriters.

These facts in my judgment import that Lang possessed all the power of the owner to hypothecate the vessel, or at the least, if such powers were not originally conferred upon him, that the owners ratified and assented to their exercise after being fully advised of his acts and the facts upon which he acted. (Story's Agency, § 239.) The authority of an owner to bottomry his ship at home or abroad without regard to her necessities seems no longer a question with the authorities. (Abbott 192, note 1; 3 Kent, 261 (6th ed.) Flanders on Maritime Law, § 263.) The principal cannot be allowed to screen himself from the unfavorable consequences following the doings of his agent after taking to himself the benefits secured by them. (Story's Agency, §§ 250, 253, 253.)

The libelants are accordingly entitled to a decree in their favor for the due enforcement of the bond.

For libelants—Mr. E. C. Benedict and Mr. Seymour. For claimant—Messrs. Beebe, Dean & Donohue and Messrs. Williams & Barnard.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—JAN. 6.

Before Judge Hall.

*The Clarke's Patent Steam and Fire Regulator Co. vs. Joseph L. Howes and John W. Phillips.*—This was an action to recover damages for an alleged infringement of a patent issued to Patrick Clarke, Jan. 8, 1854, for an improvement in regulating the dampers of steam boxes by the pressure of the steam, of which patent the plaintiffs were assignees. The defendants were alleged to have infringed it by making and using machines under a patent issued to Joseph Woodruff on the 23d of Oct., 1855. Damages were claimed to $5,000.

The defendants alleged that the plaintiffs' patent properly construed could not cover the machine in question, and that they did not manufacture them, but only allowed Woodruff to make them in their shop.

Testimony was taken for both parties, on both issues. The plaintiffs proved use of such a machine by the defendants, but failed to prove that the manufacture was otherwise than as the defendants had said. They accordingly moved the Court to allow them to withdraw a juror, which motion was opposed by the defendants, but was granted by the Court, on the plaintiffs paying the same costs as in case of nonsuit.

For plaintiffs, Mr. Keller and Mr. Cutting. For defendants, Mr. Gifford.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Jan. 6.

Before Hon. Justice Mitchell.

DECISIONS.

*The Butchers' Real Estate Hide Association* vs. Phillips et al.—Complaint to be amended.

*Moore* vs. *Cornell*—Judgment for plaintiff in both cases.

*Leirs* vs. *Curtis*—Complaint dismissed.

*The People ex rel. Dunham* vs. *Postley*—Judgment for relators.

Before Hon. Justice Roosevelt.

*Bennett* vs. *Robbins*—Judgment for plaintiff with costs, unless defendant in ten days withdraw his answer and pay costs thereof, and serve an answer on plaintiff's attorney.

*Smith* vs. *Aetna Insurance Company*—Judgment for plaintiff; forms to be settled.

*Church* vs. *Halsey*—Decree for plaintiff with costs; form to be settled on notice.

*Fiddler* vs. *Traker*—Verdict of jury set aside and new trial allowed; costs to abide event.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Ingraham.

*Edward C. Robinson* vs. *Maha'a Baum.*—Motion to confirm report of referee granted.

*Thomas A. Houston* vs. *Charles Farnham.*—Order of reference to Edward P. Cowles, Esq.

*David Guynne, &c.*, vs. *Thomas P. Kettell.*—Motion denied, with 89 costs.

*In the matter of Marcus J. Merchant.*—Order to show cause dismissed.

*Richard Field* vs. *Joseph Paulding.*—Motion granted, with $10 costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—TUESDAY.

Before Hon. Judge Russell.

This morning, on the opening of Court, the following gentlemen were impanneled as Grand Jurors:

AMOS F. HATTFIELD, Foreman.

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| Alfred P. Arnold, | Samuel Rayner, | Wm. H. Appleton, |
| Abraham Sands, | James Crossey, | Hugh Auchincloss, |
| Henry A. Corlet, | David F. Baker, | Ebenezer Collamore, |
| Uriah Hendricks, | Wm. Dumont, | Edward D. Nelson, |
| Jas. M. Halstead, | Abm. A. Ogsbury, | Robt. Hoe, |
| Wm. Palen, | Thomas Hope, | David Ramsey, |
| | Jonathan R. Landon. | |

The customary oath having been administered, Judge RUSSELL delivered his charge, as follows:

GENTLEMEN: It is laid down, by an eminent writer, that the Grand Jury system had its origin in England, at the time of the conflict between the power of the Government and the rights of the subject, and it was wrung from the Crown as the only means of protection by which the subject, appealing to the judgment of his peers, could be rendered secure against oppression; and that it was intended among us in much the same spirit, although no such reason existed for its formation, and, as the Constitution shows, was designed to be the means of protection to the citizen against false accusation, and the still greater danger of public clamor; for the Constitution says "That no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous offence, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury." The Grand Jury system may be, therefore, regarded as a protection to the citizen, and an auxiliary to public justice, and, when acting within that scope, must be necessarily sustained; but when it transcends it, when it can be used for the gratification of private malignity, or when wrapped in the secrecy and immunity with which the law invests it, its high prerogatives are prostituted to purposes frowned upon by every principle of law and of human justice, it may become an instrument dangerous alike to public and private liberty. You have jurisdiction over all offences committed within the City and County of New-York, cases of felony originate with you, but they had better first be heard before a magistrate, for then an opportunity is afforded the accused of answering the charge, and of offering testimony in explanation of the circumstances tending to establish guilt, and in case the charge should be malicious and unfounded, he has some responsible person that he may look to for redress; but when the complaint originates with you, this protection is denied the accused, for you are not responsible for any of your public acts, no matter how criminally a party may be affected by them. And in some of the States the Judges have refused to permit the Grand Jury to [illegible] and have held that the duty of the Grand Jury is to hear only such [illegible] this doctrine was held by Judge King, of Pennsylvania, [illegible] Court and stated that none of them had a knowledge that the officers of a public bank conspired and appropriated the funds of the institution to their own private use, and calling the witnesses, which [illegible] for the purpose of exposure and [illegible] ment. Judge King is a very able editor, revised the application, and in speaking of this [illegible] of authority says: "That he regards it as GIVEN Grand Jurors the right to make the Grand Jury, for its purposes which private malice or personal animosity, introduced in the Grand Jury room, might subject him to; and venerates this dignity of the Grand Jury, and the veneration with which they ought always to be regarded by the people, by making them an umpire between the accuser and the accused, instead of their assuming the office of the accuser." The Grand Jury only hears evidence in support of the charge, and not in vindication of the accused; and it was formerly supposed that they could never examine any other witnesses but those produced by the prosecution, and whose names were indorsed on the papers, but of late years the rule has been greatly relaxed, and as you are sworn to present the truth, if you are unable to satisfy yourselves from the evidence presented, you have the right and power to send for any other witnesses who may be likely to assist you in satisfying your minds as to the guilt of the accused, and in all cases you are to be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt, before you find an indictment against any one—for past experience shows that indictments have been found against parties that have had no foundation either in law or in fact, and have been as false in fact as they were malicious in the motive which prompted them; and by it great injustice has been done, by keeping parties incarcerated in our prison for months, and placing a stain upon their characters that has affected them seriously in their business and other relations.

There is another class of cases, termed misdemeanors, which cannot originate with you, but must first be heard before a magistrate, and can only reach you by the defendant at the time of the preliminary hearing demanding a jury trial. Otherwise, they are disposed of at the Special Sessions, without indictment.

The law requires that I should call your attention to the statute of Usury. The taking of more than seven per cent interest for the loan of money is declared to be an indictable offence.

Also, the law prohibiting Lotteries. Any traffic is unlawful, and punished by fine and imprisonment.

Also the law of Extortion—the taking of larger fees than are allowed by law is declared unlawful.

Also the Prohibitory Law, which has been declared by the Court of Appeals unconstitutional; you will therefore find no indictments, as they cannot be sustained.

And also the Election laws. Any attempt to influence any elector in giving his vote or to deter him from the same, or to disturb or hinder him from the exercise of the right of suffrage—is declared a misdemeanor and punished severely by fine and imprisonment.

The law says that not more than twenty-three shall be sworn on the Grand Jury, sixteen of whom shall form a quorum, and it shall take twelve to find a bill, and the like number to reconsider it after it has been found.

All cases of an important or legal nature that may be brought before you either involving questions of law or otherwise you can consult with the District-Attorney. He can be present at your proceedings, and can, if you require it in intricate cases, assist you in the examination of witnesses, but when a vote is to be taken, you must be alone—not even the District-Attorney is allowed to be present.

The law makes it a misdemeanor for any of you to disclose the fact of an indictment being found against a party who has not been arrested; there is no necessity that any of your proceedings should be disclosed, and they had better be kept secret.

It has been the custom of this Court to permit the Grand Jury to fix their own hours for meeting and adjournment, and at present I will not interfere with that privilege, but my attention has been called by the District-Attorney to the fact of the large amount of business that now awaits your action, and of the utter impossibility for you to complete it, unless you hold each day a session of at least four hours. I would therefore suggest the adoption of that rule, for it is very desirable that the public business should be disposed of as speedily as practicable.

You can appoint one of your number to act as Secretary to keep a record of your proceedings.

You will now retire, gentlemen, and discharge the duties imposed on you by law.

The Grand Jury were then conducted to their room, and the ordinary business of the Court was proceeded with. A motion being made to admit Paudeen and Turner, implicated with Baker in the Poole murder, to bail, Judge RUSSELL fixed the amount of bail for Paudeen at $2,000, remarking that but for the long time he had been in prison, the bail would have been $5,000. The amount of bail in the case of Turner was fixed at $500.

Peter Doyle was tried on a charge of burglary in the third degree. He was found guilty and sentenced to four years and six months in the State Prison.

Henry Twiskler pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the third degree, and was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year.

Jane Campbell, arraigned for burglary in the third degree, was convicted of petit larceny. Sentence, six months in the Penitentiary and a fine of $50.

James E. Roberts, convicted on a charge of grand larceny, and sentenced to four years and six months in the State Prison.

Henry Thomas and Francis Thompson had judgment suspended.

At present Judge RUSSELL is lenient.

## LONG ISLAND.

**Kings County Board of Supervisors.**

The first meeting of this Board for the year was held yesterday afternoon.

On motion of Supervisor BERGEN, Supervisor WALL was appointed Chairman *pro tem.*

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Board then proceeded to the Election of a Chairman, and the election resulted in the choice of Supervisor LINDSAY. The other candidates were Supervisor SMITH who received eight votes, and Supervisor BERGEN who received one vote.

The newly elected members from the Wards in Brooklyn appeared in their seats, and the Clerk called the roll as follows: Hinman, McLaughlin, Studwell, Jerome, White, Bell, Bleeker, Adams, Hamilton, Smith, Campbell, Delaney, Wall, McClusky, Cunningham, Lindsay, Boutelle, Woodworth, Cross, Ryder, Bennett, Bergen, Schoonmaker, Schenck.

The minutes were read and approved.

INJUNCTION.

A copy of an injunction served upon S. H. ROOTS, elected as Superintendent of the Poor at the previous meeting of the Board to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of WM. RUSHMORE, Esq., was presented and the Committee on Accounts of the Superintendents of the Poor was directed to employ counsel to have the injunction removed.

The injunction was issued from the City Court upon the prayer of JAS. R. LAGARTT, who sets forth that at the time of the election there was no vacancy, and if there had been the Board had no authority to fill it.

COUNTY PENITENTIARY.

Mr. JAMES EDWARDS, keeper of the County Penitentiary, presented his annual report of the number of prisoners committed to the Penitentiary for the year ending Dec. 31, 1856, viz:

Males, 990; females, 464—Total, 1,454, making the increase over the number committed in the year ending with Dec. 31, 1855, 400.

Of the above number there have been committed: for drunkenness, 885; vagrancy, 232; petit larceny, 184; assault and battery, 99; drunk and disorderly, 38; disorderly, 5; assault, 5; illegal voting, 3; disturbing the peace, 3; indecent exposure, 3; malicious trespass, 2; keeping disorderly house, 2; attempt at picking pockets, 1; assault and battery with intent to kill, 1.

By the monthly report for December, it appears that there are at present 169 inmates of the Penitentiary—males 98; females 62.

Committed during the month, 105; discharged, 118. Both reports were filed.

FILLING VACANCIES IN COMMITTEES.

Supervisor BERGEN moved that the Chairman be requested to fill all vacancies in the Standing Committees by the next meeting.

Supervisor WHITE offered as a substitute "That the Chairman of this Board be and is hereby requested to present to this Board at its next meeting, an entire list of Standing Committees."

After considerable discussion, pending which Mr. BERGEN informed the new members that the Committees could not be reorganized until the annual meeting in the Fall, the resolution of Mr. WHITE was put and lost, and the resolution of Mr. BERGEN was adopted.

A resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Accounts of Superintendents of the Poor to examine into the accounts of Mr. Rushmore, late Superintendent.

THE CORONERS.

Supervisor BERGEN presented draft of an act regulating the election of Coroners. It provides for dividing the County into four Districts, and that one Coroner be elected in each, and to reside therein during term of office, and in case of removal the office to be declared vacant.

Ordered printed and made the special order for next meeting.

The Board then adjourned for two weeks.

**Fire and Loss of Life in Brooklyn—Accidents.**

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the building formerly known as "Firemen's Hall," but more recently known as "Poplar Hall, corner of Poplar-street and Bugbies-alley, and was entirely consumed. The structure was large and was owned by Ex-Alderman MORSELL, of the Second Ward, and was occupied in the basement by himself as a place for storing goods, and the upper stories as a ball-room, and a drill-room occupied by the City Grenadiers. Several houses adjoining—one occupied by JAMES MCKINNEY, another owned by Mr. CLARKE, and occupied by several German families, and another occupied by J. C. DUBUFFY, were slightly damaged.

When the inside of the building had nearly burned out, the side wall fell into the alley, which proved fortunate, as some persons were standing at the time, and who escaped serious injury. The building was insured in several companies, and many of the houses on the opposite side. The will furnish the side of the opposite house, occupied by Mr. McALBERT, who was confined to his bed, into an Officers Brown, Furman, Gibson and Colgate, of the Second District Police were assisting the inmates from the door. The bricks fell all about them, but almost miraculously all escaped without injury.

Officer BAKE, of the First District Police, while attempting to get at a chicken near the burning building, had one of his legs broken by a door falling upon him. In the chicken Engine Co. No. 5 placed their suction, and all of a sudden the house fronts cave out in that quarter, so that it was impossible for the firemen to remain with the engine. The engine was soon caught in the cistern, and nothing was extricated in this way; a stream of water was brought to bear upon the engine, and it was finally rescued in a damaged state. Quite a number of the members were badly burnt, and several were more or less injured by the falling rubbish.

By the falling of a wall a man named WILLIAM TURRIS, of Hose Co. No. 1, was killed. He was not missed until yesterday afternoon, ten hours after the fire, when upon removing the rubbish his mangled remains were found. Deceased was 19 years of age, and resided with his parents on Bridge-street.

Mr. MORSELL estimates his loss at $15,000, and was insured for $[illegible] in the Irving, Excelsior, Hope, Washington, Eagle, Farmers' and Mechanics', and Stuyvesant Insurance Companies. By the fire Mr. MORSELL also lost 3 horses and several carriages, which were in the basement of the building.

Fifty State muskets were also destroyed. This fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, and it is the third time the buildings on this site have been fired within a few years.

**Found Drowned.**

The body of a Swede, named JOHN P. BOEMAN, was found, yesterday morning, in the water at Green's Wharf, between Fulton and Montague Ferries, Brooklyn, under circumstances which at first aroused suspicion of foul play. Deceased was employed as a watchman on board the bark Jedio, owned by Messrs. DUNHAM & DUSSAU, lying at the above-named wharf, and was last seen alive last evening. The body was found in the water at the side of the vessel, and attached to it by a rope. No bruises or indications of foul play were found upon his person, but there were indications that some person had been on board with him the night previous. Coroner REDDING has the matter in his charge for investigation, and will hold an inquest to-day.

**Kings County Court of Sessions.**

Before Judge Morris and Justices Emmons and Schoonmaker.

The January term of this Court was commenced on Tuesday morning.

A Grand Jury was impanneled, and, after the usual Charge, they retired to their labors.

For a wonder the attempt to obtain a Petit Jury was crowned with success—the only instance, we believe, on record when such a Jury was obtained on the first day of the term. This result is owing to the firm stand taken by Judge MORRIS not to summon talesmen.

Several offenders were arraigned, and the trial of causes will commence to-morrow.

☞ Brooklyn City Court Calendar for this day. Nos. 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 54.

**Brooklyn Board of Education.**

The regular monthly meeting of this Board was held yesterday afternoon. No business of general interest was transacted.

## MARKET REPORTS.

**Markets, Carefully Reported for the N.Y. Daily Tribune.**

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 6—6 P. M.

ASHES—Are in fair demand, but at somewhat unsettled prices. Pearls, $7 87½@$8; Pots, $7 75@$7 81½ ⅌ 100 lbs.

BEESWAX—There were 2,000 lbs. American yellow sold at old rates.

CANDLES—Are salable and steady.

COFFEE—Is moderately inquired for at previous figures. Java, 14½c.@14¾c.; Laguayra, 11½c.@12½c.; Maracaibo, 11½c.@12½c.; Rio, 8c.@11½c., and St. Domingo at 10½c.@10¾c. ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Is rather quiet, but very stiffly held.

COTTON—The market is sparingly supplied while there exists a very good inquiry at improving rates for desirable lots. We continue to quote Middling Uplands at 13½c.; do. Gulfs at 13¼c.@13½c., and other grades at proportionate rates ⅌ lb.

FISH—The demand is limited; prices are nominally unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for State and Western Flour is pretty brisk and buoyant, with sales reported of about 7,500 bbls., in lots, mainly at prices within the annexed range:

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| Ordinary State | $5 15@$5 25 |
| Straight State | 5 27@5 35 |
| Favorite and Extra State | 5 35@5 75 |
| Common to Good Indiana & Upper Lake | 5 20@5 50 |
| Common to Good Superfine Ohio | 5 50@5 70 |
| Fancy Michigan | 5 45@5 65 |
| Extra Michigan | 5 60@5 80 |
| Extra Indiana and Wisconsin | 5 60@5 80 |
| Extra Ohio | 5 80@6 00 |
| Fancy Genesee | 6 25@7 00 |
| Extra Genesee | 7 00@8 75 |
| Extra Missouri | 5 75@6 75 |

Canadian rules quiet, at former rates. Superfine to extra command from $5 25@$5 62½ ⅌ bbl.; 400 bbls. found buyers thereat. Southern is brisker, but infirm. The transactions since our last comprise about 2,500 bbls., in lots, mixed to Fancy and Extra, at $5 85@$8 and $9 ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour is scarce and quiet, at $5 50@$5 25 for Fine to Superfine ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is in demand and is steady, at $3 25 for Jersey, $3 75 for Brandywine, ⅌ bbl. The latter brings $17@$17 50 in puncheons.

The St. Louis *Intelligencer*, of the 1st inst., gives in its annual review of the St. Louis Produce Market the following comparative statement of the quantity of Wheat Flour manufactured in St. Louis during each of the last six years:

| | Bbls. | | Bbls. |
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| 1851 | 408,009 | 1854 | 506,337 |
| 1852 | 368,184 | 1855 | 608,856 |
| 1853 | 457,076 | 1856 | 652,418 |

St. Louis extra Flour has an established reputation in the Eastern cities equal to any other, and will soon be as well known in Europe as at home. The country, especially along the navigable rivers, is speckled with flouring mills, every town of any importance having one, and some, three or four, involving heavy investments of capital, and turning out cargo after cargo of a strictly merchantable article, which finds its way to our numerous bakeries, to the coast, to the Tennessee and Arkansas rivers, to the Atlantic cities, and even to South America. In a few years the mills of the West, situated as they are, in the midst of the greatest grain growing region on earth, will be able to supply the wide world with bread, and cheap bread at that.

FRUIT—The market is tame; prices are infirm.

GRAIN—Wheat is more sought after, yet the prices offered do not satisfy factors, and, in consequence, business is restricted. Sales have been reported since our last of about 38,000 bushels, including good Western Whites at $1 70; ordinary to choice Western Red at $1 40@$1 55, and ordinary to good Southern White at $1 70@$1 75 ⅌ bushel. Rye remains in slack request, yet it is steady, at 87½c.@92c. for ordinary to choice, ⅌ bushel. Oats are salable and firm at 40c.@41c. for Ohio and Lake; 43½c.@44½c. for State; 43c.@46c. for Jersey; and 40c.@44c. for Southern, ⅌ bushel. Barley is in limited demand, and is nominally quoted at $1@$1 30 for inferior to choice, ⅌ bushel. Barley Malt commands $1 35@$1 43½ ⅌ bushel. Corn is in very moderate request, at drooping prices. There were sales reported to-day of about 37,000 bushels, at 64c.@66c. for unsound; 67c.@70c. for mixed, in store and delivered; 66c.@70c. for new Southern Yellow; 70c. for new Southern White, and 71c.@74c. for old Northern and Southern Yellow and White, ⅌ bushel.

RECEIPTS OF WHEAT AT ST. LOUIS DURING EACH OF THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS.

| | Bushels. | | Bushels. |
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| 1846 | 1,838,925 | 1852 | 1,052,422 |
| 1847 | 2,432,277 | 1853 | 2,088,893 |
| 1848 | 2,194,786 | 1854 | 3,340,217 |
| 1849 | 1,792,585 | 1855 | 3,921,197 |
| 1850 | 1,900,766 | 1856 | 4,518,640 |
| 1851 | 1,700,708 | | |

RECEIPTS OF CORN AT ST. LOUIS DURING EACH OF THE LAST SIX YEARS.

| | Bushels. | | Bushels. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1851 | 1,457,748 | 1854 | 1,798,189 |
| 1852 | 755,926 | 1855 | 2,947,265 |
| 1853 | 1,048,129 | 1856 | 1,096,864 |

HAY—Sales were made of 600 bales River at 90c.@$1 for shipment; and $1 06¼@$1 12½ for local use, ⅌ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Messrs. LARKIN & Co., of St. Louis, in their trade circular for Jan. 1, say: The receipts this year are about 7,200 tons less than in 1855. Stock unsold, 1,607 bales, against 7,958 bales at this date last season, and its value fully $20 ⅌ ton higher. We quote cash prices, to-day, at from $150@$155 ⅌ ton for undressed; $300@$310 ⅌ ton nominally for dressed; (the stock being exhausted;) $90@$100 ⅌ ton for brake tow; 8½c.@10½c. ⅌ lb. for bale rope, and 17½c.@17c. ⅌ yard for bagging, with large stocks of rope, very light supply of bagging, demand almost wholly limited to home manufacturers, and holders confident of closing out before arrival of new crop. The imports here for past eight years have been as follows:

| | Bales. | | Bales. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1849 | 49,000 | 1853 | 65,000 |
| 1850 | 61,500 | 1854 | 78,500 |
| 1851 | 64,500 | 1855 | 98,500 |
| 1852 | 49,500 | 1856 | 53,500 |

The crops of Missouri will probably be one-fourth larger than last season, and of very superior quality; the yield of Kentucky is reported a full average and staple good; the Cotton crop will not exceed three millions of bales; stocks of Bale Rope unusually heavy with probability of Hoop Iron being substituted to some extent; demand for Cordage purposes quite limited, and large shipments of Gunny Cloth known to be on the way; and taking into consideration the most important items connected with American Hemp, we believe prices here will range from $155@$165 ⅌ ton during the Spring. Receipts of Bale Rope 54,218 coils, against 39,000 coils last season. Hempseed scarce and worth $1 ⅌ bushel.

HIDES—Are in good request at very full prices.

HOPS—Now continue quiet, yet firm, at from 7c.@[illegible]

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HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—[illegible]

MARBLE QUARRY FOR SALE—[illegible]

$9,500—FOR SALE—THE SUBSTANTIAL [illegible]

FOR SALE—ON MURRAY HILL, SOUTH SIDE [illegible]

BERKMAN-STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE—[illegible]

DESIRABLE COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR PROPERTY IN THE CITY CITY.—[illegible]

FOR SALE—DOWN-TOWN PROPERTY ON Water near Stockman-st. [illegible]

FOR SALE—THE HOUSE AND LOT NO. [illegible]

FOR SALE—TWO THREE-STORY BRICK [illegible]

FOR SALE—THE BROWN-STONE HOUSE [illegible]

HOUSES TO LET.

HOTEL NEAR BROADWAY TO LET—[illegible]

STORE NOS. 2 AND 4 WARREN-STREET [illegible]

BROADWAY STORE TO LET—THE [illegible]

HOUSES AND ROOMS WANTED

WANTED TO HIRE FROM MAY 1, A [illegible]

DAME OF A HOUSE WANTED—ABOVE [illegible]

FARMS FOR SALE.

WESTERN LAND AGENCY, [illegible] LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.

FARM—CRANBERRIES—FOR SALE—A [illegible]

FOR SALE—SPLENDIDLY SITUATED COUNTRY [illegible]

$5,000 OR $10,000 OF CASH AND A [illegible]

STEAM POWER.

STEAM POWER TO LET—AT THE EMPIRE [illegible]

STEAM POWER—IN THE DEPOT BUILDING [illegible]

STEAM POWER TO LET—IN BEST AND [illegible]

AGRICULTURAL.

SEEDS, SEEDS, SEEDS.—J. G. WAITE, [illegible]

NEW-YORK CITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

HAINES BROS., PIANO-FORTE MANUFACTORY, [illegible]

PREMIUM PIANOS.—SCHUETZE & LUDOLFF [illegible]

GOLD MEDAL PIANOS!—STEINWAY & SONS [illegible]

ORGAN-HARMONIUMS.—ELEGANT ILLUSTRATED pamphlets, [illegible]

PIANO-FORTES AND MELODEONS TO LET—[illegible]

RAVEN, BACON & CO., (SUCCESSORS TO RAVEN & BACON,) Piano-forte manufacturers, WAREROOM No. 135 Grand-st., near Broadway, WHERE a full assortment of instruments may be found, exclusively of our own manufacture. Warranted in every respect.

BEAUTIFUL TONED ROSEWOOD PIANO-Forte, double round. [illegible]

DANCING.

A. DODWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMIES, No. 806 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, No. 128 MONTAGUE-STREET, BROOKLYN. [illegible]

GROCERIES.

USE THE BEST. JAMES PYLE'S DIETETIC SALERATUS. [illegible]

## AUCTION SALES.

BY GEORGE HORSIE.—AT STORE NO. 67 [illegible] THIS MORNING, Jan. 7, at 10½ o'clock, [illegible] Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 67 Nassau-st., Preserved Meat Soup, 3 assorted vegetables, preserved tables, marble top, walnut stained ash and oak bedsteads, brass top, mahogany stained ash and oak bedsteads, toilet, chamber tables, [illegible] for cups, mugs and victorines, [illegible] chairs, lounges and sofa, [illegible] Ladies, attend, and are guaranteed [illegible]

Auction.—J. J. BENCKE, Auctioneer.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN WOODSIDE, TO CLOSE AN ESTATE.—On WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, A. J. BENCKE & CO. will sell as above the valuable house and lot known as No. 200 Bremen-st., near Bridge-st. The house is a two-story and attic brick dwelling; will rent for about $300 per annum; contains Croton water, gas of lot 31:10 Grand, Half of the purchase-money can remain for a term of years, for usage, &c., apply at the office of the subscriber, No. 7 Broad-st.

Office, 6, Savage Auctioneer.

DESIRABLE HACKLEY & SAVAGE WILL DAY, Jan. 8, at 10½ A. M., dry goods, hosiery, [illegible] Ladies, attend, and are guaranteed [illegible]

Auctioneer.—J. BENCKE, Auctioneer.

CONTINUATION SALE BY ORDER OF SUPREME COURT.—The extensive sale of boots, [illegible] which commenced yesterday at the store of Robert Davis, Nos. 344 and 346 Broadway, [illegible] will be continued THIS DAY, (Wednesday,) and TO-MORROW, (Thursday,) each day at 10½ o'clock A. M. To-day's sale will include country [illegible] Japan goods, Chinese, British, Brittania metal goods, do domestic superior English and American dry goods, fancy goods, &c., &c., under direction of the United States Trust Company as receivers.

SAMUEL OSGOOD & CO., No. 61 Nassau-st.

THOS. MORRILL, Auctioneer.

HAVANA AND GERMAN CIGARS AT AUCTION.—THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, at No. 39 Nassau-st., a choice stock, including Operas, Star of the West, La Conchanas, Regalias, Leonoras, Espanolas, Fancy Boxes, Rachel, La Patria. A few more left in packages of twenty-five.

EDWIN B. FRANKLIN, Auctioneer.

BY E. B. FRANKLIN & CO.—SALE OF furniture, carpets, mirrors, paintings, fancy goods, &c., THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, at auctioneers, No. 39 Nassau-st., comprising a general assortment which must be sold, to close accounts and pay advances.

GREAT SALE OF COAL LANDS IN WYOMING VALLEY, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENN.—The North Pennsylvania Coal Company will sell on THURSDAY, Jan. 22, 1857, at public auction on the premises to the highest bidder, without reserve or limitation, four tracts of unseated Coal Land. Said lands are situated on the Northeast Wyoming Field, and the land of the Wyoming Coal Field, and contain together about 700 acres, as follows: Wagner Tract, (No. 1,) 87 acres, 138 perches; Wagner Tract, (No. 2,) 196 acres, 124 1-2 perches; Gaty Tract, 31 acres, 11 1-2 perches; Carey Tract, 93 acres, 39½ perches. These Tracts adjoin each other, and are crossed in part by the North Branch Canal, and by the New-York State Line Railroad, and the Railroad from Wilkes-Barre to Pittston, and by the route of a contemplated Railroad from Nanticoke to Pittston, connecting at that point with the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad. Cost is opened and being mined on all sides of them, and for farming purposes they are unsurpassed. Sale to commence on the premises at 10 o'clock, A. M., [illegible] Terms—Cash. For further particulars, apply to JOHN D. TAYLOR, No. 9 South Water-st., Philadelphia, or STANLEY WOODWARD, Wilkes-Barre, Penn.—Dec. 17, 1856.

## INSURANCE.

THE MARKET FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (LATE INSURANCE THE CITIZENS' FIRE) No. 349 Pearl and No. 28 Wall-st., (Corner of Jamaica Court.)

Where it will continue to insure for buildings, personal property of every description, on the most favorable terms, and solicits a continuation of public favor.

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## BUSINESS CHANCES.

PROFITABLE AND HONORABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE WINTER.—Persons in town or country, in search of employment as a source of income, or to fill up their leisure hours, may hear of such by inclosing two stamps, to pay postage, to Prof. JAMES T. HORNE, Box No. 773 New-York Post-Office. The employment is light, to either sex; station in life immaterial. It is no venture of daily commission, and can be pursued in any person's dwelling; secured by copyright; sales are permanent to four. An agent is wanted in every town in the Union.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE FOR REAL ESTATE, at a bargain, a new Panorama of Fremont's Overland Route to California, the owner having no time to attend to it. Address A. A. D., box No. 1,123 New-York Post-Office.

## BUILDING MATERIALS.

MARBLE MANTELS.—THE SUBSCRIBER has got some neat marble mantels which he will sell at nearly half price for cash if called for in one week, at No. 176 Avenue B, near 11th-st., New-York.

BEGARNIE TILES FOR VESTIBULES, Hearths, Chimney Tops, Grates, &c., for sale by WILLIS & COATES, No. 97 Pearl-st., New-York.

## PRINTING.

PRINTING BY STEAM—COPPER-FACED TYPE. STATIONERY HARDWARE. No. 374 and 376 Pearl-st., New-York. ROWNE & HASBROUCK, PRINTERS, LITHOGRAPHERS AND STATIONERS. All kinds of Printing executed in the best style, with copper-faced type, at the lowest rates.

LIQUOR LABELS—FOR GINS, BRANDIES, &c. Wines, &c. New styles just published and for sale by T. L. DAGGETT, Label Publisher and Job Printer, No. 68 Fulton-st., corner of Gold.

THE OWNER OF A FULL LOT IN Cobleskill, between Depew and Pearl sts., on the easterly side, intends to erect thereon a Grocery store, hereby advertises for responsible tenants, from the date desired of occupancy and place for a term of 3, 5 or 10 years, with the whole building, or two separate tenements, and fitted up accordingly. Also, not particular as to means to carry on a good business, and address Box No. [illegible]

## MEDICAL.

[illegible] SANDS' SARSAPARILLA.—This purely vegetable remedy continues to merit the [illegible] of an article of medicine from the black [illegible] Scrofula, and all diseases of the blood, and sold by A. B. & D. SANDS, No. 100 Fulton-st., New-York. Price $1 per bottle, or six bottles for $5.

THE GREAT AMERICAN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE PAIN.—DR. KENNEDY, of Rochester, has discovered in one of our American forests a remedy of the last great gift of God to man. Just the world through Dr. Kennedy's Medical Discovery.

He has tried it in over 1,000 cases, and never failed, and in the worst cases of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Blotches, Spots, Pimples, Tumors, Tetter, Scald Head, Ulcers, Sores, Mercurial Affections, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Dropsy, Nervous Debility, Female Weakness, Consumption

## NEW-YORK CITY.

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### Army Affairs.

COURT-MARTIAL.

By order of the President, conveyed by the document we give below, a Court-Martial has been convened in this City for the trial of First Lieutenant JOSIAH UPSHURSHAW, of the 8th Infantry, and Assistant Surgeon LEVI H. HOLDEN, of the Medical Department. The first session of the Court convened yesterday, at 11 o'clock, at the Quartermaster's Department, No. 6 State-place, fronting the Battery, but on account of the severe cold, and the inconvenience of the room where they were assembled, the Court adjourned to meet at another place in the same building at 11 o'clock this morning.

The charges, which have been preferred by the General-in-Chief, are said to be disobedience of orders, and neglect of duty. They are characterized as of a grave character, as all charges must needs be which subject an officer to the ordeal of a court-martial.

It seems these officers were charged with the duty of transferring a detachment of invalid soldiers from a Southern post where they had lost their health, to Fort Wood, which is at Bedlow's Island, in this harbor. The men were shipped from New-Orleans, and reached this port during one of the cold snaps which occurred early in December, the officers in question accompanying them. Upon their arrival in the City, however, the soldiers were put on board a launch, to be sent to their quarters at Fort Wood, while the officers, who had long been deprived of the luxuries and comforts of civilized life, went their way in search of refreshments, &c. The omission to see the sick soldiers snugly placed in charge of the commanding officer at the Island, it is understood, forms the basis of the charges against them; although the men all reached their destination in safety.

Lieutenant UPSHURSHAW has always sustained a high position in the Army, and was, we believe, promoted for his bravery in the Mexican War. Dr. HOLDEN has been long in the service, and has secured for himself a good position as Surgeon; and both seem to have the sympathy of their associates in the trying position they are placed by this arrangement before a court-martial.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 29, 1856.

Special Order, No. 169.

By instructions from the President of the United States, a General Court-Martial, constituted as hereinafter specified, will assemble in the City of New-York, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday the 6th day of January, 1857, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of First Lieutenant JOSIAH UPSHURSHAW, 8th Infantry; Assistant Surgeon LEVI H. HOLDEN, Medical Department, and such other prisoners as may be brought before it.

DETAILS OF THE COURT.

Col. Joseph K. F. Mansfield, Inspector General's Department.

Brevet Col. Harvey Brown, Major 2d Artillery.
Lieut. Col. John J. Abercrombie, 2d Infantry.
Brevet Lieut. Col. Daniel T. Chandler, Captain 8d Infantry.
Brevet Lieut. Col. Robert C. Buckman, Major 4th Infantry.
Brevet Maj. James H. Carlton, Captain 1st Dragoons.
Brevet Maj. Henry H. Sibley, Captain 2d Dragoons.
Maj. Albemarle Cady, 6th Infantry.
Maj. John Sedgwick, 1st Cavalry.
Capt. Robert E. Clay, Quartermaster's Department.
Capt. Marcus D. L. Simpson, Subsistence Department.
Brevet Capt. Henry F. Clark, First Lieutenant 2d Artillery.
Capt. James G. Barton, Ordnance Department.
Capt. Wm. R. Johns, 2d Infantry, is appointed Judge Advocate of the Court.

And the President further directs that if any of the officers named in the foregoing details shall fail to attend, the Court shall, nevertheless, have authority to act, provided the members present shall not be less than nine, as no other officers than those detailed can be convened without manifest injury to the Department.

By order of the Secretary of War.
S. COOPER, Adjutant-General.

President General Court-Martial.

ARMY APPOINTMENT.

Major WOOD, of the 6th Infantry, has received the appointment of Paymaster of the Army, in place of Major HAGNER, who died at Fort Brown, Texas, in December.

### Republican Germans.

The German Republican Central Committee met on Monday evening, at RUDITZ'S, in Forsyth-street, delegates being present from the fifteen Wards in which German Republican organizations have been maintained. The Committee was permanently organized by the election of the following gentlemen as officers for the year 1857:

*President*—Fred. Kapp, Twenty-second Ward.
*Vice-President*—A. Frank, Twenty-first Ward.
*Recording Secretary*—Henry Vanselow, Fourteenth Ward.
*Corresponding Secretary*—Edward Robinson, Jr., Fifteenth Ward.
*Treasurer*—Henry Lenden, Fourteenth Ward.

Messrs. KAPP, VANSELOW and LENDEN held the same position last year, and were unanimously re-elected.

### Dispensaries.

Following is the monthly report of the Dispensaries in the City of New-York:

| Patients treated during Dec., 1856. | Male Adults. | Female Adults. | Male Children. | Females. | Children under the 12 years. | Vaccinated. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New-York Dispensary | 1067 | 600 | 1087 | 1139 | 858 | 30 | 7010 |
| Northern | 460 | 246 | 798 | 474 | 811 | 58 | 3847 |
| Eastern Dispensary | 676 | 247 | 1325 | 719 | 443 | 46 | 3414 |
| Dentle Dispensary | 1000 | 1040 | 1280 | 1020 | 1000 | 40 | 6380 |
| North Western Dispensary | 750 | 197 | 912 | 806 | 413 | 16 | [illegible] |
| Totals | 5453 | 1730 | 7167 | 5919 | 3525 | 209 | 24642 |

Aggregate number to whom medical services and medicine were rendered gratuitously during the month December: Males, 3,883; females, 4,125.

NATIVITY.—2,651 patients were born in the United States, and 4,696 in foreign countries.

PARTIAL RESULTS.—Sent to Hospital, 363; died, 68. The principal causes of death were scarlet fever, marasmus and consumption.

The prevailing diseases chiefly affected the pulmonary and cutaneous systems; and among the most important were variola, scarlatina, and phthisis pulmonalis.

### The Icy Sidewalks.

Mr. JOHN CLAY, while walking through Mott-street, yesterday, slipped on the ice and fell heavily on the pavement, thereby fracturing one of his arms. He was taken to the Hospital.

Mrs. SHERLOCK, residing at No. 129 West Sixteenth-street, also fell yesterday, while walking up Eighth-avenue, in the vicinity of Twenty-fifth-street, and sustained some internal injuries. She was conveyed home by the Tenth Ward Police, and medical assistance called.

Numerous casualties, like the above, occurred yesterday, and call for the strict enforcement of the ordinance requiring property owners to see to it that the ice and snow in front of their premises are speedily removed.

### Fires.

IN BOWERY-AVENUE.

A fire broke out about 11 o'clock Monday night, in the grocery and liquor store of German LAMBERT, No. 412 Bowery-avenue. The entire building was destroyed—loss to Mr. LAMBERT about $1,600, insured in the Olinton Insurance Company for $1,000. The building belonged to Mr. JOHN [illegible]—loss $3,000, fully insured. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

IN CEDAR-STREET.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire was discovered on the second floor of No. 68 Cedar-street, it originated under the stairway. Loss trifling.

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HERRICK'S PATENT CHAMPION SAFES—PRICE REDUCED—Nos. 126, 127 and 129 Water-street, and No. 3 Murray-street, New-York.

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Gas for Country Residences.—Gas apparatus, after the System of the Maryland Portable Gas Company.—G. E. Wrightson & Co., are now offering for sale a [illegible] Gas Works, Hotels and Public Buildings, Factories, Churches, Colleges, Academies, Schools, Asylums, Prisons, Theatres, Stores, Dwellings, public and private schools, churches, colleges, factories, hotels, asylums, prisons, theatres, stores, dwellings, &c., &c. Details will be furnished, by applying in person or by letter to the office of the Company, where a machine can be seen in operation, and descriptive pamphlets obtained.

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[Advertisement.]

"PLANCHE, OR THE LOVELY PAINTER."—This most magnificent pantomime, now being performed with great success at Purdy's National Theatre, is the most gorgeous, effective and stupendous ever produced in America, and words fail to form any idea of its vast immensity. It is attracting large audiences, and as fashionable as any piece of amusement in town. The comedy of the "Attic Angel" will commence the performance, then the grand pantomime, and the whole to conclude with the beautiful moral drama of "Temptation."

[Advertisement.]

S. COATES & CO., PORTABLE GAS WORKS.—We desire to call public attention, to our newly-invented Gas apparatus, designed for country residences, factories, hotels, &c. These works are safe, efficient, and simple in their construction, and warranted to give entire satisfaction. We guarantee purchasers against prosecution by the Maryland Portable Gas Company, or any other parties, for alleged infringement of their patents. Apply to S. COATES & Co., Office No. 376 Broadway, New-York.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Rheumatism, and all skin or muscular diseases, can be radically cured, if the Ointment be rubbed into the part affected, as salt is rubbed into meat. No external disease can long withstand the combined power of these wonderful medicines. Sold at the manufactories, 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and 244 Strand, London; and by all druggists, at 38 cents, 62½ cents, and $1 per pot or box.

[Advertisement.]

☞ A dentist's office was burned at Brooklyn, Dec. 11, 1856, from a fluid lamp exploding, and several hundred dollars' worth of dentist's materials destroyed. PRATT'S Safety Lamp cannot explode for any known cause. Wholesale depot, No. 108 Broadway; retail, No. 601 Broadway. Prices 50, 62 and 75 cents each.

[Advertisement.]

WOOD'S HAIR RESTORATIVE.—We intended to give some statement of the merits of this, the best of hair restoratives, but they are crowded out. We will return to the subject. In the meantime all whom it may benefit had better give it a trial.—*Cincinnati Sun.* Sold No. 312 Broadway.

[Advertisement.]

THE THROAT AND LUNGS.—Dr. ROBERT HUNTER, having returned from Europe, may be consulted as heretofore by those who are suffering from Bronchial or Pulmonary affections. No. 685 Broadway.

## LONG ISLAND.

Annual Renting of Pews in Plymouth Church.—*The annual renting of the pews of Plymouth* Church, Brooklyn, took place last evening. A large representation of the members of the Church and congregation, interested in securing sittings for the coming year, was present at an early hour; and the body of the house, and the front seats in the galleries, remained filled during the entire evening. The scene was lively and interesting, as the pews were sold at auction to the highest bidders. The eagerness manifested to secure available seats, it was remarked, was greater than on any former occasion in the history of the Church.

Printed catalogues, giving the number of each slip with its *fixed valuation* for one year, were distributed throughout the building. In addition, however, to this stipulated annual rent, more than two-thirds of the entire number of pews were sold at a *premium*.

Mr. COOK, of Foster's auction-house, was the auctioneer, and harrangued the bidders from the church-desk. The premium for the first choice ran up to a hundred dollars, while that for the second and third fell but little below that figure. The number of slips on the catalogue was 326, of which 302 were rented, and of the latter, 174 at a premium. The amount of the fixed rental of all taken was $10,000, and the amount of premium, within a fraction of $3,000—making a total of $13,000.

The premium for last year was $1,750, while the total amount, including the premium, was about $10,000—showing an increase for the present year of $3,000.

The pastor of the Church, Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER, was present throughout the evening, and perhaps seized this occasion of returning, as early as possible or convenient, the numerous calls of his congregation on New-Year's Day. At all events, he underwent such a hand-shaking and general greeting as must have reminded him of that pleasant yet laborious occasion. A great many ladies were present, who contributed a social element to the scene, and the evening was made not only one of business, but also of pleasure.

### A Good Story Spoiled.

The New-York correspondent of the Charleston *Courier* says:

"A good story is told of the too sanguine Black Republicans of Brooklyn. Before the election they hired a room in the Brooklyn Museum building, agreeing to occupy it as their head-quarters, at a stated rent, until February was elected. The landlord being a good Democrat and sound Buchanan man, refuses to release them, and intends to make them suffer for their folly."

We are sorry to spoil a good story, because good stories are scarce commodities; but the above is not only not true, but just the reverse of the truth. The "landlord" in question, Mr. CAMPBELL, is, himself, a good Republican, and has given a new lease of the hall since the election.

## NEW-JERSEY.

### Attempt to Commit Suicide.

A man named BALDWIN, a native of Connecticut, attempted to commit suicide on Monday night at Mortimore's Hotel, in the City of Hudson, by cutting his throat. He succeeding in severing one artery, when he was discovered. Dr. OLCOTT, of Jersey City, being near at hand, was called in and dressed his wound. No reason can be assigned for the act. He is a now in comfortable circumstances, and has been engaged in putting up machinery in ALDRIDGE'S Oakum Works.

### Attempt at Burglary.

Sunday night, as an ex-policeman was passing the shoe store of J. A. FRENCH, at 12 o'clock, he discovered a light within. He stopped to investigate, and the burglars inside hearing him stop left by the back way without their plunder.

### Flogging a Witch to Death.

We find the following very singular story in the Brownsville (Texas) *Flag*. The transaction is said to have occurred about a month ago:

It seems that a young lady of Matamoras was taken sick, and an old lady in the neighborhood, reported to have some skill in the virtue of herbs, was solicited to visit and administer to the patient. From some cause or other, the old lady failed to attend, and suspicious reports were circulated that the old lady had bewitched the young one. The authorities were petitioned to compel the attendance of the old one. Officers were sent to take her before her supposed victim, and these miserably ignorant wretches reported that they on several occasions repaired to her domicil and could not find her at home, but found instead a suspicious looking black cat. After several efforts, however, they found the old woman at home fastened of her cat, and she was taken to the presence of the invalid. But her herbs failing to restore the sick to health, and the meddlesome black cat persisting in following its owner, and being by the neighbors found in the room of the invalid instead of her mistress, fixed the opinion fast in the minds of these ignorant people that the old woman and the black cat were one and the same person; that she, being a witch, could take the form of the cat and assume her own shape at will—that the invalid was a victim to her diabolical art. With these convictions, it is said, they sought out the unfortunate old creature, and actually tied her up, and with thongs cruelly flogged her to death as a witch.

In justice to the civil authorities of Matamoras, we are happy to state that they were not a party to the tragic part of this singular transaction, and that they were prompt in arresting the actors.

They manage in Rhode Island so as to lay by money for a rainy day. Last year the Savings Banks of that State received $1,400,000 on deposit, with an increase of $1,600 depositors, an increase in the amount of $[illegible] over 1855.

## Navy Intelligence.

TRIAL OF COMMANDER JAMES H. ROWAN, OF THE NAVY, BY A COURT-MARTIAL, FOR MISCONDUCT.

A Court-Martial convened yesterday morning, at the Navy-Yard, in Brooklyn, on the charges and specifications against Commander JAMES H. ROWAN, Commander of the brig *Bainbridge*. The charges are, that he, while in the command of various naval vessels, has conducted in a manner of great scandal, while in his official capacity, in the years 1855 and 1856. The following are the charges, with the sixth and seventh of the Navy, will best explain the peculiarities and minute particulars:

*Charges and Specifications of a Charge preferred by the Secretary of the Navy against James H. Rowan, a Commander in the Navy of the United States.*

CHARGE—DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT, SERVING TO THE DISCREDIT OF THE NAVY.

*Specification 1.*—In this, that on or about the 14th day of May, in the year 1854, the said Commander JAMES H. ROWAN, while commanding the United States brig *Bainbridge*, was drunk on board the said brig in the Straits of Magellan.

*Specification 2.*—In this, that on or about the 4th day of June, in the year 1854, the said Commander JAMES H. ROWAN permitted and took part in a riot in his cabin, on board the said brig *Bainbridge*, at sea, of which brig he was then the commanding officer; the captain, officers, crew and passengers of an emigrant ship being then on board said brig *Bainbridge*, and participants of such riotous proceedings.

*Specification 3.*—In this, that on or about the 18th day of July, in the year 1854, on board the said brig *Bainbridge*, at sea, the said Commander JAMES H. ROWAN did, while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, without provocation, assault Passed Assistant Surgeon JOHN BINGHAMTON with abusive and threatening language.

*Specification 4.*—In this, that on or about the 24th day of September, in the year 1855, the said Commander JAMES H. ROWAN, on board the said brig *Bainbridge*, then under his command, did indulge to such excess in intoxicating drinks as to require medical treatment for *mania a potu*."

*Specification 5.*—In this, that on or about the 7th day of February, in the year 1856, the said Commander JAMES H. ROWAN, on board the said brig *Bainbridge*, then under his command, did indulge to such excess in intoxicating drinks as to require medical treatment for *mania a potu*."

*Specification 6.*—In this, that on or about the 29th day of July, in the year 1856, the said commander, JAMES H. ROWAN, was drunk and riotous at the *American Hotel at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.*

*Specification 7.*—In this, that on or about the 6th day of June, in the year 1856, on board the said brig *Bainbridge*, at sea, the said commander, JAMES H. ROWAN, did accept a challenge from Lieutenant CHARLES E. FLEMING, to fight a duel.

J. C. DOBBIN, Secretary of the Navy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 15, 1856.

## MARRIED.

JENNEY—MINOR.—In this City, on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at All Saints' Church, by Rev. Wm. R. Shinbrodt, Mr. SAMUEL J. JENNEY, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss MARY J., daughter of the late Rev. T. MINOR, of this City.

☞ Cleveland papers please copy.

## DIED.

COREWIN.—In this City, on Tuesday, Jan. 6, ALFRED T., only child of William L. and Sarah L. Corwin, aged 1 months and 2 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this day, (Wednesday,) 7th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., at No. 58 Charlton-st., without further notice.

MERRILL.—In this City, on Tuesday, Jan. 6, of scarlet fever, ADELINE PAGE, youngest daughter of James F. and Sarah J. Merrill, aged 3 years and 5 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from No. 141 Elizabeth-st.

SLATER.—In this City, on Sunday, JAN. 4, WILLIAM SLATER, in the 68 year of his age.

His friends and acquaintances are requested to attend his funeral, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from the house of Mrs. Egbert, No. 178 West 26th-st., corner of 8th-av.

TIMPSON.—In this City, on Monday, Jan. 5, WILLIAM TIMPSON, son of the late William Timpson, in the 30th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the Church of the Ascension, corner of 10th-st. and 5th-av., on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., without further notice. His remains will be taken to Westchester for interment.

WOLFE.—In this City, on Saturday evening, Jan. 3, CHRISTOPHER WOLFE, of this City, aged 65 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at Grace Church, on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., at 2½ o'clock, without further notice.

TERRY.—At Hoboken, N. J., on Monday, Jan. 5, suddenly, VAN RENSSELLAER TERRY, aged 38 years and 10 months.

His funeral will take place on Wednesday, 7th inst., at 12 o'clock M., from his late residence, No. 37 Washington-terrace, Hoboken. His friends and relatives, and also of his sons, John P. and Van Rensselaer, are respectfully invited to attend. His remains will be taken to Cypress Hills for interment.

CAMPBELL.—At Lebanon Springs, N. Y., on Sunday, Dec. 28, Mrs. SYLVIA CAMPBELL, aged 85 years.

## COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Sixth Page.

### Sales at the Stock Exchange, JAN. 6.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $6,000 Indiana State 5s | 84 | 6 N. H. & Hart. RR. | 120 |
| 300 do | 84¾ | 400 Reading RR.....cwt | 88¾ |
| 5,000 Virginia 6s.....c | 90¾ | 600 do.....cwt | 88¾ |
| 1,000 do.....s | 90¾ | 300 do.....s3 mo cwt | 87¾ |
| 1,000 Missouri State 6s | 87 | 300 do.....b30 | 88¼ |
| 4,000 N. Y. Cen. RR. 6s | 97¾ | 100 do.....s30 | 88¼ |
| 1,500 N. Y. Cen. RR. 7s | 100¾ | 500 do.....s30 | 88¼ |
| 2,000 Hud. Riv. R. 2d m. | 84 | 200 do.....b60 | 88¼ |
| 4,000 Hud. Riv. R. 3d m. | 65 | 200 do.....b60 | 88¼ |
| 8,000 Harlem RR. 1st m. | 110 | 100 do.....b60 | 89 |
| 8,500 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds. | 97¾ | 400 Harlem RR.....b60 | 16¾ |
| 6,000 do..... | 97¾ | 36 Galena & Chicago R | 121¼ |
| 1,000 do..... | 97¾ | 100 Hud. Riv. R.R.....b60 | 31 |
| 10,000 T. H. & A. 1st Mt. | 72¾ | 300 do..... | 30 |
| 110 Bank Com. Scrip | 102¾ | 200 Mich. Cen. R.R.....b60 | 95 |
| 20 Corn Ex. Bank | 103¾ | 50 do.....s | 93¼ |
| 40 Mechanics' Bank | 119 | 100 do.....s | 93¼ |
| 200 Canton Co.....b60 | 22½ | 150 do.....s60 | 93¼ |
| 50 do.....s2 | 22½ | 50 do.....s60 | 93¼ |
| 500 Cum. Coal Co | 17 | 100 do.....b60 | 94¾ |
| 100 do.....b60 | 17¼ | 600 M. S. & N. I. R.R. | 90 |
| 100 Pacific M. S. Co. | 67 | 250 do.....b30 | 90¼ |
| 50 Penn. Coal Co..b30 | 102 | 100 do.....s30 | 89 |
| 100 N. Y. Cen. R.R..b3 | 94¼ | 474 do..... | 89 |
| 15 do..... | 94¾ | 200 do.....s | 89¼ |
| 500 do.....s60 | 94 | 250 do.....c | 194¾ |
| 1100 do.....c | 94 | 130 Cleve. & Pitts R. R. | 97¼ |
| 150 do..... | 94¼ | 110 do.....c | 97¾ |
| 300 do..... | 94 | 100 do.....s | 97¾ |
| 50 do.....s60 | 94 | 100 Cleve. & To. R. R. | 77 |
| 100 Erie Railroad | 68¼ | 500 do.....b15 | 77¾ |
| 1050 do..... | 68¼ | 250 do.....s | 77¾ |
| 300 do.....b3 | 68¼ | 200 do.....s | 77¾ |
| 100 do.....b10 | 68¼ | 300 do..... | 77¾ |
| 100 do.....b5 | 68¼ | 200 do.....b60 | 78¾ |
| 200 do.....s60 | 68 | 200 do.....b60 | 78¾ |
| 400 do.....s60 | 68 | 118 Chi. & Ric. Is. R. | 86 |
| 200 do.....b60 | 68¾ | 50 do.....b60 | 86¾ |
| 200 do.....b60 | 68¾ | 100 do..... | 86¾ |
| 100 do.....b30 | 68¾ | 100 Mil. & Miss. RR. | 77 |
| 1500 do.....c | 68 | 25 La Co. & Mil. RR. | c 89 |
| 100 do.....s30 | 68¼ | 100 do..... | 89¼ |
| 200 do.....b10 | 68¼ | 10 do..... | 89 |
| 150 do.....b5 | 68 | 200 do.....Fri. | 1 70 |
| 250 do.....s5 | 68 | 50 do.....b60 | 10¾ |
| 500 do.....b60 | 68¾ | 30 do..... | 68¾ |
| 300 do.....b60 | 68¾ | 50 Pac. R.R. bs w d | 92¾ |
| 100 do.....b5 | 68¾ | 50 do.....b60 | 94¾ |
| 10 Third Av. RR. | 68 | | |

SECOND BOARD.

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|---|---|---|---|
| $8,750 Ohio St. 6s, '60 | 102¾ | 800 Clev. & Tol. R. | b15 77¾ |
| 1,000 Ind. State 5s | 84 | 100 do | sw 77¾ |
| 1,600 Ill. Cen. RR. bs | 97¾ | 200 do | 77¾ |
| 10,000 do | b10 97¾ | 200 do | b10 77¾ |
| 10,000 do | b3 97¾ | 700 do | b15 78 |
| 1,000 Ill. Fd. Bs. w. p. | 94 | 100 do | 77¾ |
| 2,500 N. Y. Cen. R. 6s | 97¾ | 200 Erie Railroad | b60 68¾ |
| 100 Cumb. Coal Co | 17 | 400 do | 68¾ |
| 200 Reading RR | s60 88¾ | 400 do | s60 68¾ |
| 100 do | b30 88¾ | 600 do | b30 68¾ |
| 230 do | opg 88¾ | 200 do | 68 |
| 44 Mich. Cent. RR. | 94¾ | 100 do | s30 68 |
| 200 Mic. So. & N. I. R. | 88¾ | 50 do | s15 68 |
| 100 N. Y. Cent. RR. | 98¾ | 200 do | b10 68¾ |
| 250 do | b60 94¾ | 250 do | 68 |

TUESDAY, Jan. 6—P. M.

There was an increased pressure for Money among the Brokers to-day, and the mercantile offerings at Bank are also somewhat urgent in particular quarters. Towards the close of the day the sales of English bills, of which a large supply was on the market, improved in amount, and several large parcels, amounting to £120,000 or about $600,000, were taken up. These operations will probably help the supply of means on the Street, subject to temporary loans to-morrow. The rates on London close 108¼@108¾, and in some instances 109 demanded, though we apprehend that nearly all the ready-money business for this steamer was done at and below 108¾. France close, as last reported, 5.20¾@5.21¼.

So general an inquiry for Money among the Stock people as prevailed to-day could scarcely pass off without producing some influence on prices at the Board of Brokers, and accordingly several of the leading Railroads were put on the market ¼@½@¾ ₱ cent. below yesterday's currency; the lightest decline being on Erie shares, which continued active to the close at 68¼, 68, 67¾ and again at 68. The general market left off steady, showing unusual tenacity against an active and, for the moment, pretty expensive Money Market.

The Panama Company have made their usual half-yearly dividend of 6 ₱ cent., making 12 ₱ cent. paid out on the traffic of 1856, which we understand has really returned about 16 ₱ cent. net profit. The Ohio Trust Company have raised their half-yearly dividend to 4½ ₱ cent. in January, with a liberal surplus carried over. The resolution of the Ohio State Agency to the Company has been of essential mutual service.

The Hudson River Road received as much as $201,511 in Business during August $136,[illegible] the same month last year.

According to the Message of the Governor of New-York delivered to the Legislature to-day, the State Treasury budget for 1857 commences in gross to $14,677,[illegible] receipts against $14,177,[illegible] paid out, leaving the balance on the 30th September, the close of the financial year, $[illegible] against $6,127,514 in 1856. The Canal Debt and Revenue, to which the Message also refers, we gave in advance in our issue of yesterday.

The Sub-Treasury received to-day $181,584; disbursed $294,680, and held at the close balances to the amount of $11,219,472. The quarterly compensation to the Collins Mail steamers ($192,500) was paid among the above disbursements.

The managers of the New-York Central Road have verified to the State Railway Commission that 10.69 ₱ cent. was honestly earned for their stock on the traffic of the past year. The *Herald* impeaches this official information, and asserts that only 5¾ ₱ cent. was rightly earned. There is an easy way of trying conclusions on this point by cash figures without hard words. The transactions of the year were all in cash. The managers started with a capital and debt of $28,304,000. They came out owing $28,490,000. Here is a difference of $186,000 to be added to $2,566,000, or 10.69 ₱ cent. claimed to have been earned. The two sums make $2,752,000. On the other hand, they paid to their stockholders, in cash, $1,920,000, or 8 ₱ cent. of the 10.69 ₱ cent. earned; and their cash balance in bank at the end of the year was greater than the running disbursements of $772,000. Now, 5.25 ₱ cent. on the capital of $24,000,000, as asserted by the *Herald*, is but $1,260,000, out of which it would have been utterly impossible to pay $1,920,000, to say nothing of the cash balance of over eight hundred thousand dollars, without running in debt in some shape. The truth is, that the surplus income of this and the preceding years is $1,301,000, the whole of which was in cash, and cash means on 30th September. The General Balance sheet proves this to a cent, and the *Herald* itself, by the unlooked-for goodness of publishing the balance sheet, simply admits the shares to have been worth on that day, on the books of the Company, 105.48 ₱ cent.

But the *Herald* discovers that the equipment, station property and structure of the Road have been further improved $1,262,000, and the violent inference is drawn that this must have been expended out of the profits of the year. If so, the Income balance could not have been rendered as in cash on the 30th September. But, in truth, there was nothing of the sort done. The Income account remains intact, and no departure has been made from the original plans of the management on the subject of new Equipment and Construction. The history of the Road since consolidation, and including the conditions of the consolidation, is a plain story, patent to the stockholders from the start, and advertised to the whole world more than three years ago. It may be well to recapitulate the facts, which, for convenience to the reader, we will do in round figures. More exact data is readily accessible to the *Herald* writer, if he desires reference: The separate corporations from Albany to Buffalo came together in Convention in 1853, representing 23 millions capital, in shares, worth in the market, or intrinsically measured by their income, from 117 to 155 ₱ cent. The whole was put into common stock, at par value, and the various premiums, averaging 38 ₱ cent., awarded to the old stockholders in a Certificate Debt of nearly 9 millions, redeemable in 30 years from the income of the Road, say 112 thousand dollars a year, compounded. There was also a leased stock of 1 million, which was subsequently made common. The capital was thus established at 24 millions, and so remains. The incumbrances on the old lines in the shape of Debt and a Canada subscription, were 2¾ millions. So this made the Consolidated Funded Debt, including the Certificates for premium, 11½ millions. The Consolidated Debt and Capital, consequently, 35½ millions. The Construction and Equipment of the line, at the original expenditure, including the leased road, stood, in 1853, 28 millions. The cash installments then due upon the capital of several of the new sections stood 3 millions, and the Canada stock over ¼ million. The three items represented the consolidated stock of the new and original debt of the old lines, 26½ millions. The gross income in 1853 on the construction cost, as above, of 28 millions, was $4,787,000.

Thus the concern stood on 30th September, 1853. It was determined at once, or soon after this, to expend the incoming cash installments of 3¾ millions and 3 millions in Convertible 7 ₱ cent. Bonds additional to perfect the Construction and Equipment of the property, equal to an ultimate capacity of seven millions traffic ₱ annum. There was as little disguise about this proceeding as about the terms of consolidation. And the purpose or policy of the management has been steadily carried out; the accruing results meanwhile to the income of the Road far surpassing their most sanguine calculations. The 6¾ millions have now been added to the permanent value and capacity of the property. The Capital stands, as at the start, 24 millions, but with all the installments paid, and the Funded Debt 14¾ millions. The gross income, as before mentioned, was in 1853 $4,787,000; in 1854, $5,918,000; in 1855, $6,563,000, and in 1856, $7,773,000. The Dividends since 1853 have been uniform at 8 ₱ cent. per annum, with a surplus of about 1 ₱ cent. in 1854, of 1¼ ₱ cent. in 1855, and of 2¾ ₱ cent. in 1856, or altogether $1,301,000 in cash, undivided on 30th September last. The extent and nature of the improvements put upon the permanent structure, stations and equipment of the property are:

| | In 1853. | In 1856. |
|---|---|---|
| Total cost | $28,020,000 | $29,786,000 |
| Length of Road | 534 miles | 555 miles |
| Double Track | 240 miles | 311 miles |
| Branches | 29 miles | 268 miles |
| Total Track | 803 miles | 1,134 miles |
| Locomotives | 33 | 209 |
| Passenger Cars | 211 | 237 |
| Freight Cars | 1,189 | 2,196 |
| Engine Shops | 68 | 87 |
| Gross Traffic | $4,787,000 | $7,773,000 |

Attention is directed to the card of Mr. A. BINGHAM, Cotton Broker, No. 180 Pearl-street, who proposes hereafter to devote his services exclusively to the interest of Cotton buyers.

### Semi-Monthly Circular for Europe.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Notwithstanding a continuance of the scarcity of money, noticed in our last report of 23d ult., and a consequently rather limited business in stocks at the close of the year, prices have generally had an improving tendency throughout the fortnight. Since the commencement of the new year business has become more active, and the upward movement more decided, although the expectations of a better supply of money from the heavy disbursements since 1st inst. have been only partially realized, there being as yet but a slight alleviation of the stringency. The improved tone of the market during the last few days was caused principally by the late encouraging financial advices from London, which, in connection with the decline of foreign exchanges, and the decreased exports of specie, strengthen confidence in an early favorable change in money matters.

For State Stocks our present quotations, except for Pennsylvania coupon 5s, are *an interest*. The business of the fortnight has been rather limited, with the exception of some considerable private sales of Ohio 6s, of the new issue; and the transactions generally unimportant. Since 1st inst. there have been sales of Kentucky 6s at 101¾; Missouri at 88; Virginia at 90¾@93¾; Ohio 6s, 1860, at 108¾@109¾; California 7s, 1870, at 90@90¾, and 1875, at 70@74¾. The quotations herewith, as compared with those of 23d ult., show an advance of 2¾ ₱ cent. in Ohio 6s, 1860, ¾ in Kentucky 6s, ¾ in Missouri 6s, and 1¾ in California 7s, 1870, and a decline of 2 in Virginia 6s. In City and County Bonds we have no important transactions to notice. The demand is limited, and except for issues of the leading cities, prices continue much depressed, although in some instances the tendency has of late been rather upward.

The Railroad Bonds the market has been rather heavy, with an upward tendency of prices. Of Illinois Central Construction Bonds there have been small sales, while sales at 86@87½, and of Free Locations, at 82 to 82½ with, and 86¾ without, interest. We have also to notice sales of New-York Central first mortgage [illegible]

[illegible] 1st mortgage, at 96@97; Sinking Fund at 89¾@90, and Convertible, of 1867, at 87. The improvement of the fortnight is 2½ ₱ cent. on Illinois Central Construction, 1 on Free Lands, 1¾ on Erie Sinking Fund, 1 on 2d Mortgage, and ¾ on 1871's, and 1¾ on New-York Central 6s and 7s.

In Railroad Shares there is a general improvement—the tendency during the fortnight having been steadily but gradually upward, and the market, although prices declined slightly this morning, is active and rather firm at the close. The advance in New-York Central is 2¾; in Erie, 2¾; in Reading, 3¾; in Cleveland and Toledo 3¾; in Illinois Central, 5; in Galena and Chicago, 3; in Chicago and Rock Island, 3; in Panama, 1¾ ₱ cent. The demand for Illinois Central Shares is very active, and the supply not large. The land sales for December amount to $[illegible], making a total, on 1st inst., of $10,718,028. The Panama Railroad Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 ₱ cent.

The Money market, although slightly easier, continues quite stringent, and heavy differences are still paid in stock contracts, and time loans command high rates of interest. On call, the demand is very active at 7 ₱ cent., and discounts on first-class paper ranges from 9@10 ₱ cent. Although the receipts of Gold from California, for some weeks past, have considerably exceeded the demand for export, the Specie balances of the Banks in this City, in consequence of heavy drafts from the South, have not increased.

CAMMANN & CO.

### Weekly Statement of the New-Orleans Banks.

CASH ASSETS.

| Banks. | Loans. Dec. 27. | Loans. Dec. 29. | Specie. Dec. 27. | Specie. Dec. 29. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Citizens' Bank | 5,328,617 | 5,303,120 | 2,140,234 | 1,847,675 |
| Canal Bank | 2,551,810 | 2,568,270 | 602,627 | 607,084 |
| Louisiana | 2,212,078 | 2,222,213 | 1,488,712 | 1,394,164 |
| Louisiana State | 4,640,300 | 4,661,600 | 1,664,640 | 1,708,139 |
| Mech. & Traders | 1,358,121 | 1,248,940 | 198,000 | 207,000 |
| Bk of N. Orleans | 1,472,940 | 1,316,997 | 280,870 | 214,000 |
| Southern Bank | 800,879 | 811,000 | 112,000 | 98,000 |
| Union Bank | 1,341,115 | 1,402,177 | 352,140 | 300,725 |
| Total | 20,611,860 | 20,512,320 | 6,838,723 | 6,356,788 |
| | Decrease | 9,540 | Increase | 18,065 |

CASH LIABILITIES.

| Banks. | Circulation. Dec. 27. | Circulation. Dec. 29. | Deposits. Dec. 27. | Deposits. Dec. 29. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Citizens' Bank | 1,186,000 | 1,186,000 | 3,144,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Canal Bank | 1,321,000 | 1,321,000 | 352,000 | 352,000 |
| Louisiana | 220,000 | 220,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Louisiana State | 1,119,000 | 1,119,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Mech. & Traders | 418,000 | 418,000 | 370,000 | 370,000 |
| Bk. of N. Orleans | 300,000 | 300,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Southern Bank | 348,000 | 348,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Union Bank | 700,000 | 700,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Total | 6,612,000 | 6,612,000 | 10,266,000 | 10,122,000 |
| | Increase | 10,000 | Decrease | 144,000 |

The following table exhibits the [illegible] of Exchanges held by the various Banks, and also the sums due to distant Banks, as compared with last week, the latter being comprised in the items of deposits, as shown above:

| Banks. | Exchanges. Dec. 27. | Exchanges. Dec. 29. | Due Dist. Banks. Dec. 27. | Due Dist. Banks. Dec. 29. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Citizens' Bank | 1,074,[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Canal Bank | 1,847,[illegible] | [